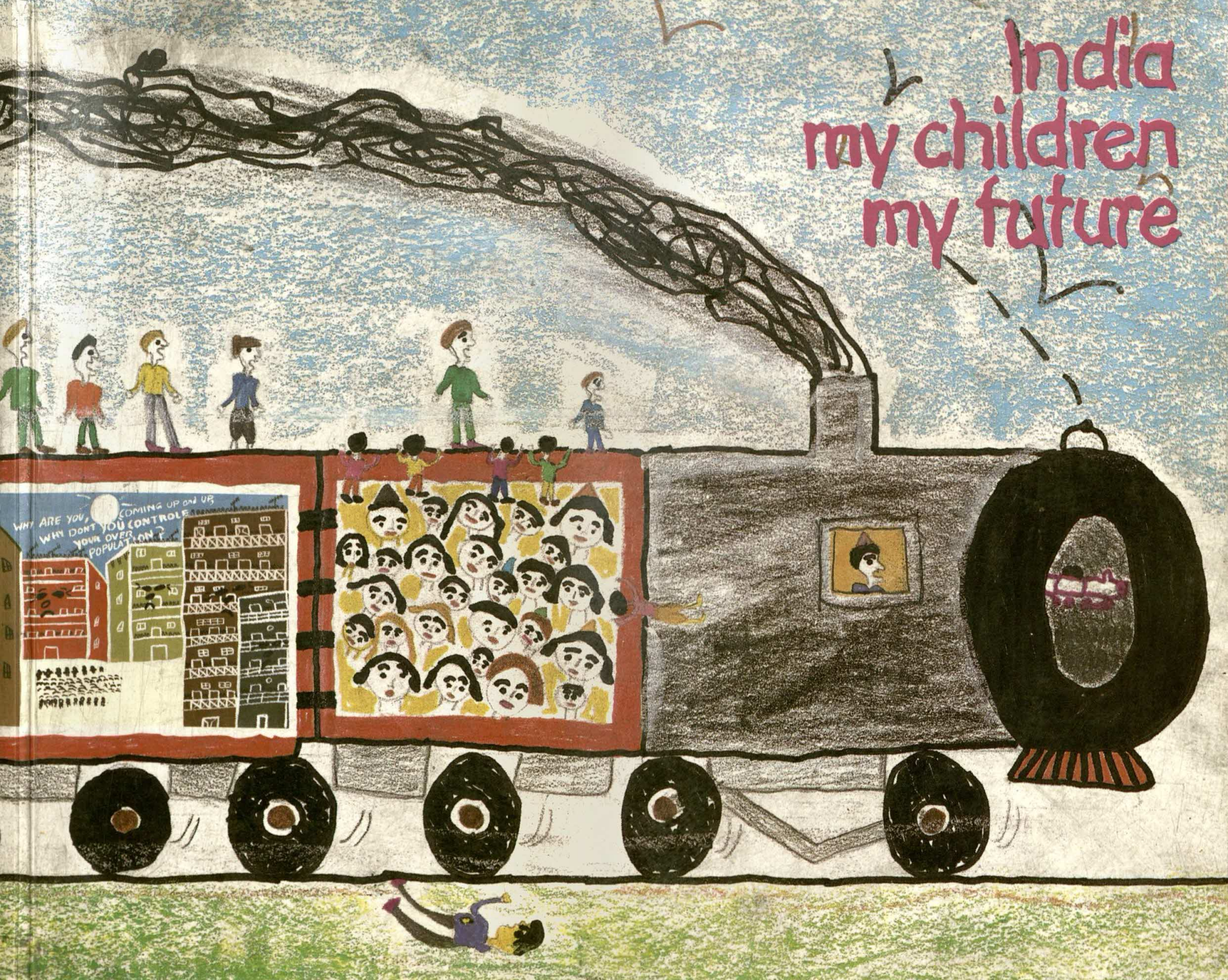
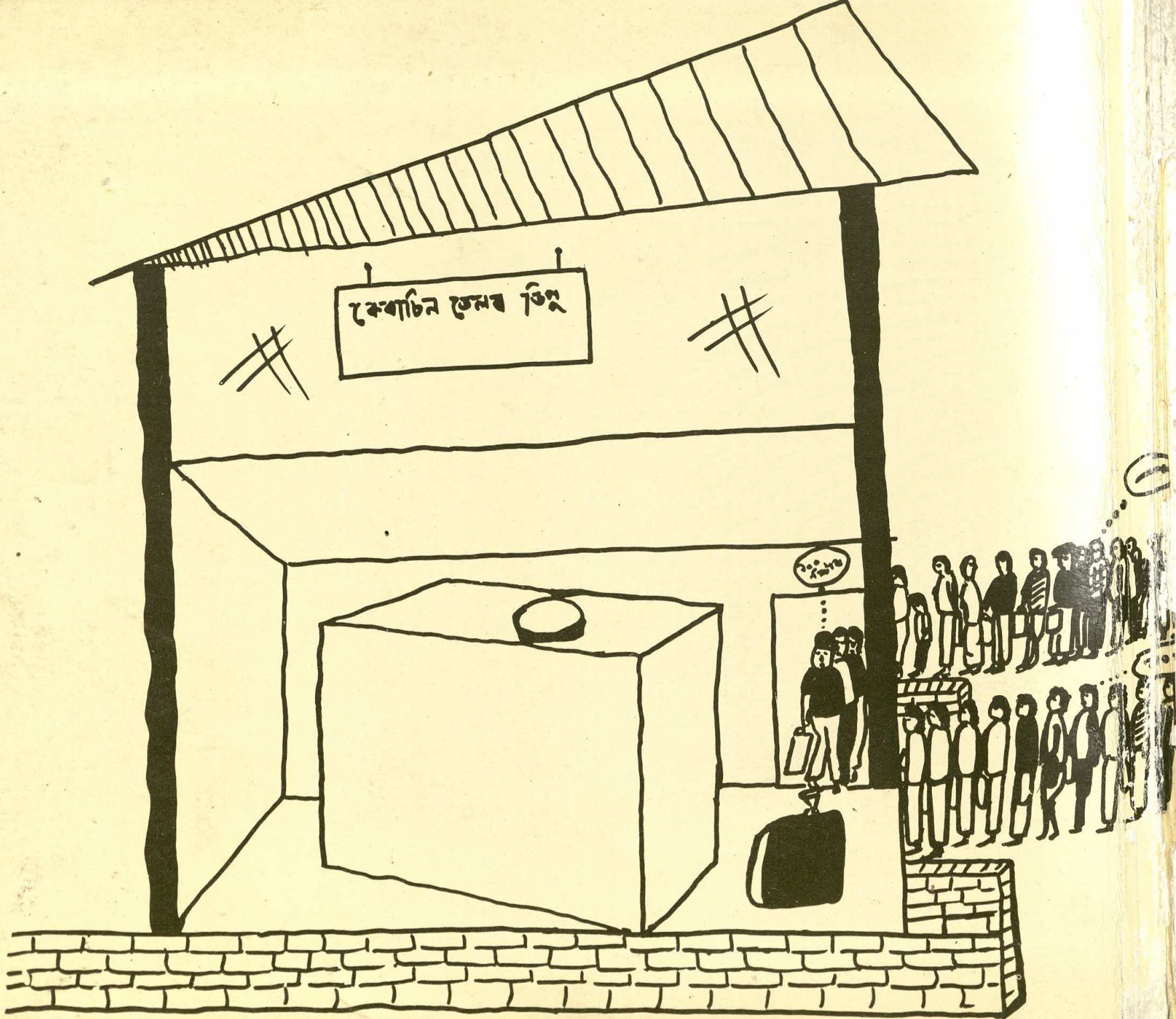


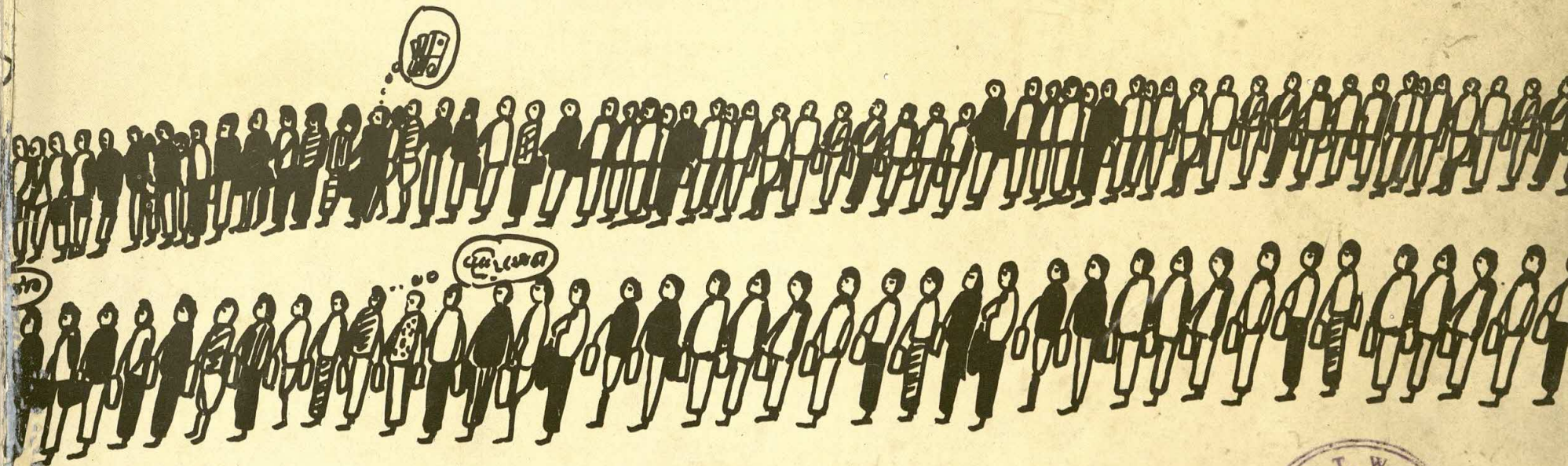
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To the parents and children of today
and tomorrow.

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Introduction

The great Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore once said 'Every child is a reminder that God has not despaired of man.' I believe that the young contributors to these paintings are proof that creative children are the best representatives of the life of the people. The family planning message conveyed by the paintings in this book is timely and the insight shown by these young artists in illustrating the concern with population is proof that India can be confident of its future.

United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) is proud to be associated with this volume, the fruit of close collaboration between the Government of India, the State Governments and UNFPA in the field of population education and communication. I hope that this partnership will continue to grow and will serve as a model for the cooperative efforts of governments and the international community in national development.

I wish to congratulate the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Indian National Council of Educational Research and Training for making this publication possible.

Rafael M. Salas
UNFPA Executive Director

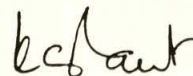
Foreword

I have great pleasure in welcoming this volume of paintings, which depict the way our children view one of the critical issues of our time — family size and population pressure. It is a pioneering joint effort on the part of the Union Ministry of Education, the National Council of Educational Research and Training, and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

India attaches great importance to its family planning programme, which has to be understood and promoted, not in terms of mere figures and statistics, but the human beings they represent — men, women and children, with their hopes and despair, aspirations and superstitions.

I urge you to view these paintings and their captions as expressions of the unspoilt emotions of the young artists, and indeed of all the children of India. For when children become ambassadors of the small family idea, we can safely conclude that family planning has indeed become a "people's movement."

This work makes us optimistic about the future. A future in which every child will be provided with the necessities, the care and the love that a child rightfully deserves.



K.C. Pant
Minister of Education
Govt. of India

May 9, 1985
New Delhi

Preface

"You see what is and ask 'Why'? I see what could be and ask 'Why Not'?"

These words of Rafael Salas have been a source of inspiration for an incredible discovery of India's children which began five years ago. At that time, the combined efforts of the Government of India, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, initiated a 'Population Education' project that sought to introduce the problems and solutions of population issues into the curriculae of urban and rural schools. Children in classes I to XII were exposed to this new educational dimension.

It would have been relatively easy to traditionally evaluate the results of the project, through bare facts and figures; statistics, so often devoid of human sensitivities. We felt another more personal form of assessment was necessary. One that could give us a richer, deeper insight into these young minds. A journey into their understanding of today's problems, an attempt to discover what the future generations really think and feel, what their dreams and hopes are, what they discovered and imbibed from their new lesson. With this purpose in mind, painting competitions were organized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, with the subject "India in 2000 AD" for the students in 1984. This eloquent collection selected from hundreds of entries is the result.

The paintings express without doubt, the insight and perspicacity of today's young minds. Of greater significance is their message of courage and conviction: that a solution to the grave population problem is within our reach. However, to find it we have to reach beyond ourselves, and work together without delay. They also strengthen the conviction that the real forces of a community are its creators, builders and artists. It is their faith and commitment to their roots, cultural mores and ideals that become the sustaining foundation for our individual and collective lives.

All children of the world are similar. They candidly express without prejudice what they observe and learn. If they can come to terms with — and look for solutions to the grave issues confronting the world ... why can't we, the adult members of the world do the same?

This is just a beginning. A greater effort can accomplish much more and must be extended to all countries, if we are really committed to turning the population tide — before the end of the century.

With sincere thanks to all those responsible for the fulfilment of the project — we leave you to discover India's hope in the eloquence of her children.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank Mr. Rafael M. Salas, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) for his permanent support of the Indian National Population Programme, especially the Population Education component of which this book is a product. The quotations at the beginning of each chapter are from his books and speeches and very appropriately introduce each chapter.

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enthusiasm played a key role in getting this project off the ground.

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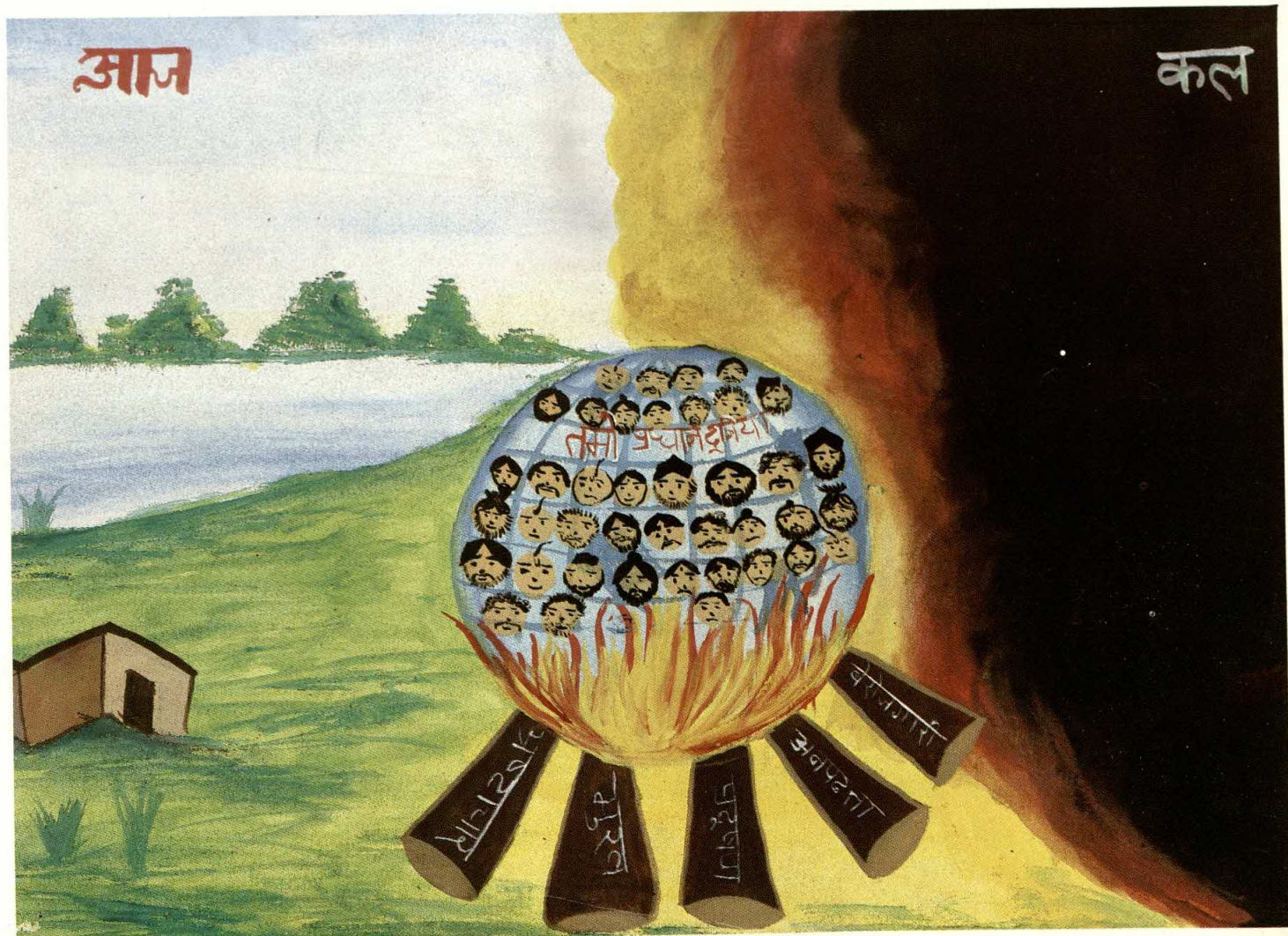
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Above all, we thank the thousands of children who created the paintings without which this book would not have been possible, for their generosity and understanding of population problems.

1 Today and tomorrow

"Population growth carries its own inertia. Stability follows only after a lapse of time ...

This means that action — or the lack of it — now, will have its effect in the next generation."



R. Sharma — 11 years
The dark face of a new century



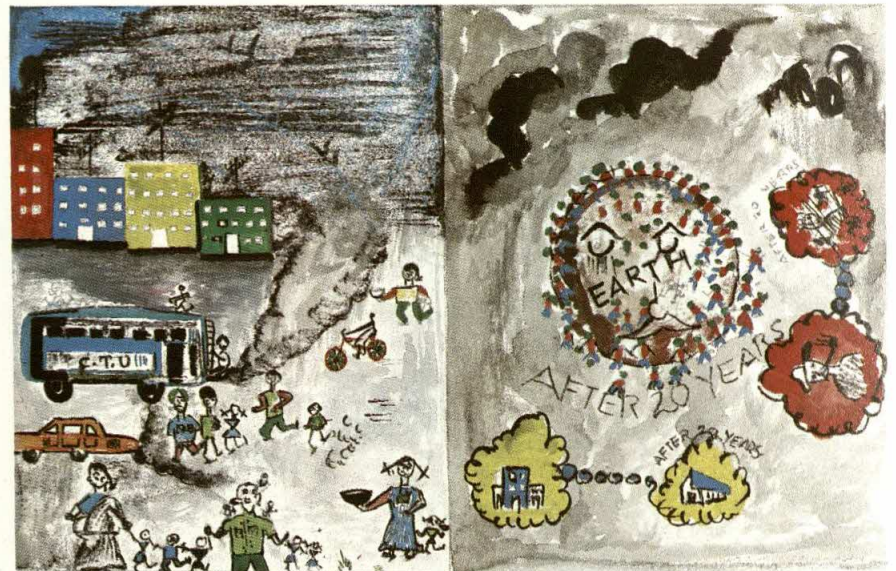
A.K. Jaiswal — 15 years
Your fulfilled hopes ... our growing despair



Anonymous
Who's smarter now ?



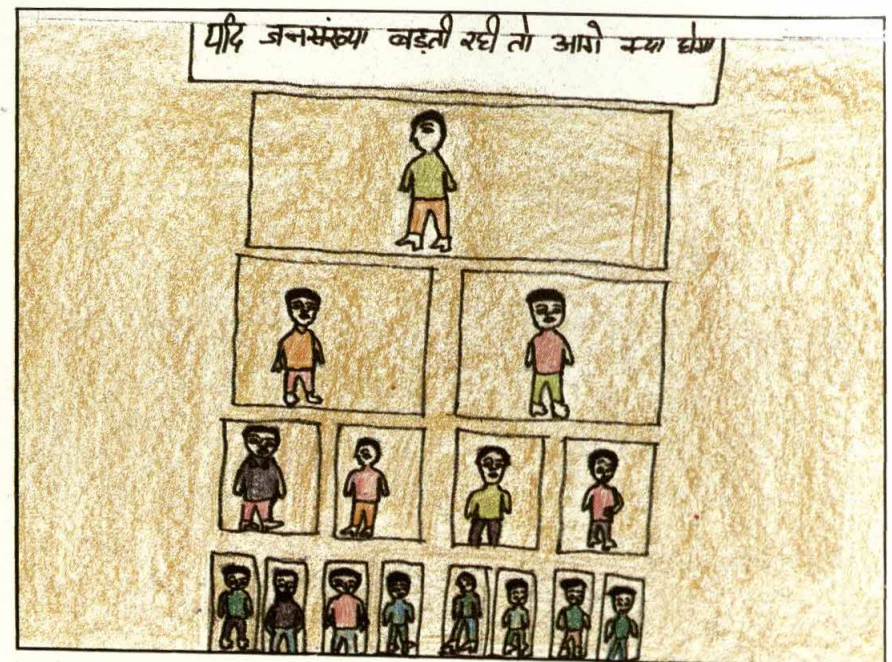
S. Kashinath
No more room on this planet — find another



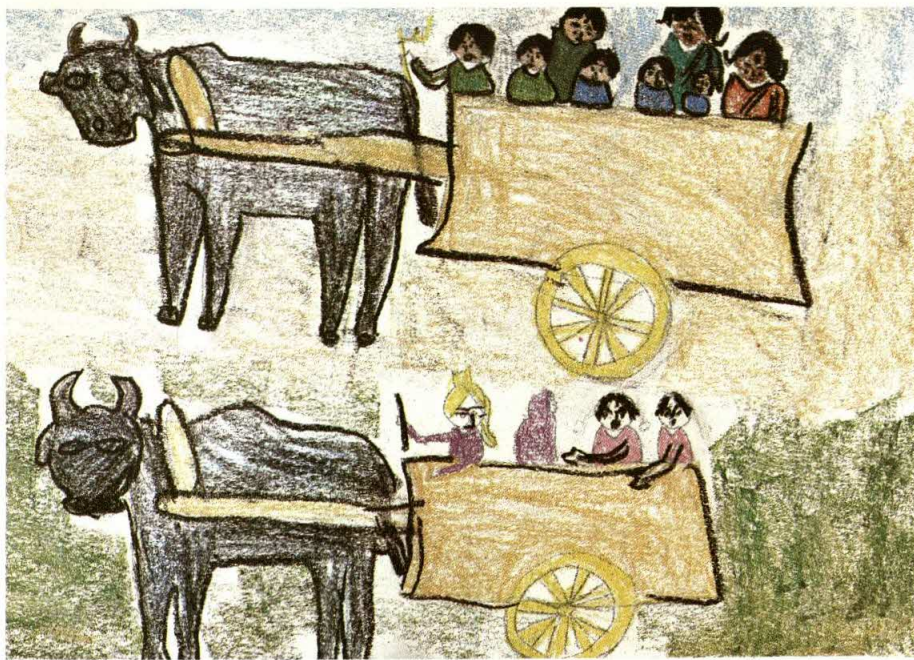
K.S. Mann — 12 years
Smoke fills the earth as people crowd and choke the sky



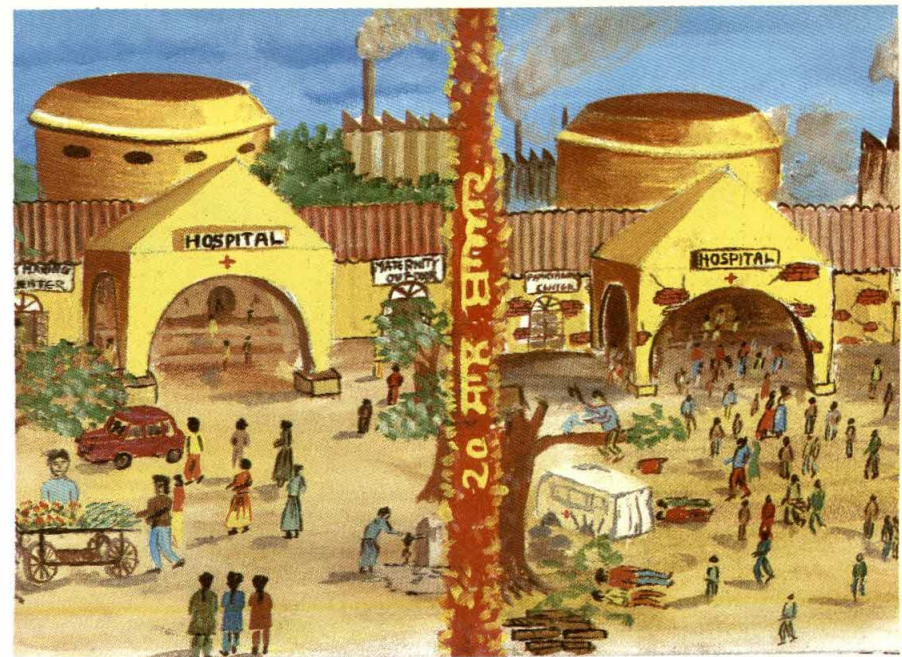
A.M. Khan — 13 years
"What will happen 20 years later?"



D. Kaur — 12 years
"If the population grows like this ... what sorrow lies ahead ...?"



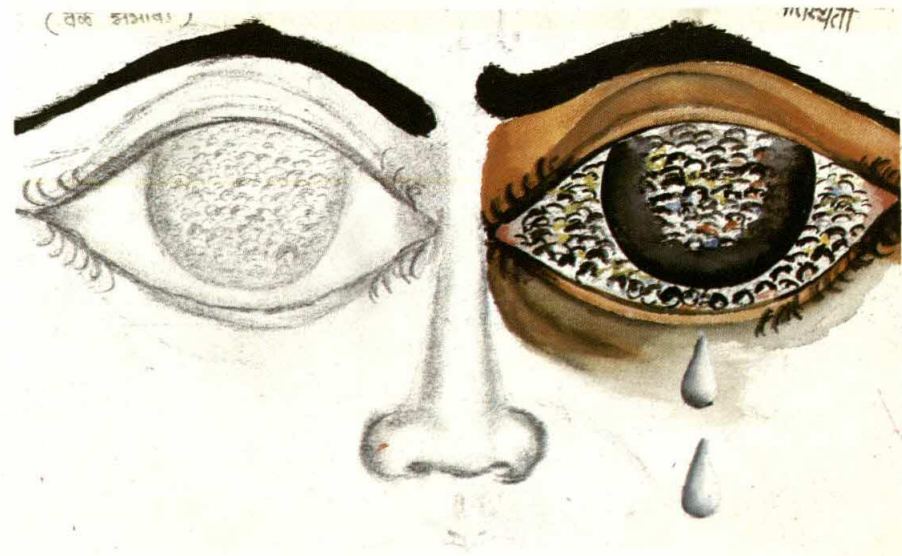
Gurjeet Kaur — 10 years
How many more must the bullock carry?



A. Singh
More pain, more suffering, than we face even today



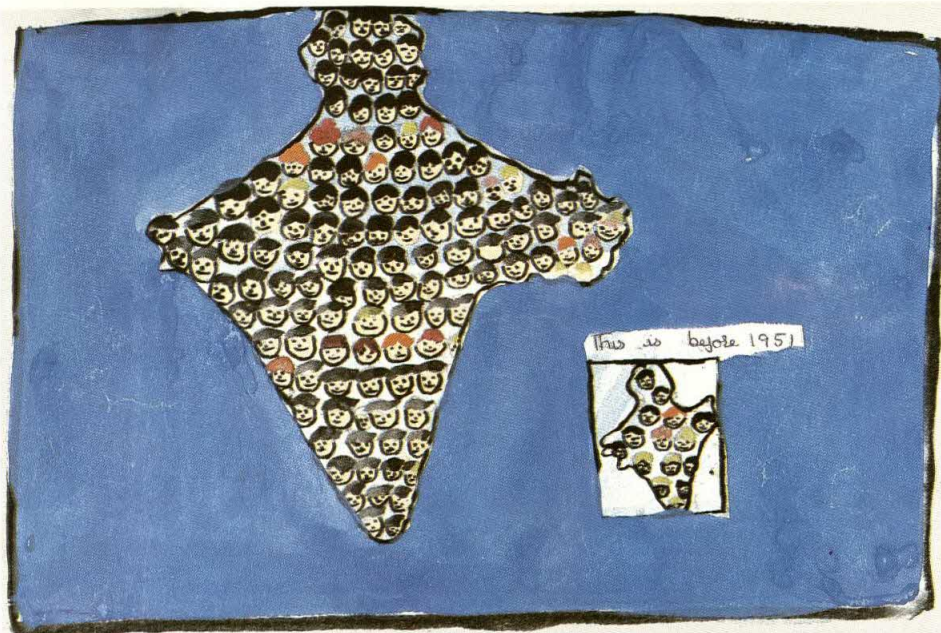
Rita — 15 years
Two options for the 21st century



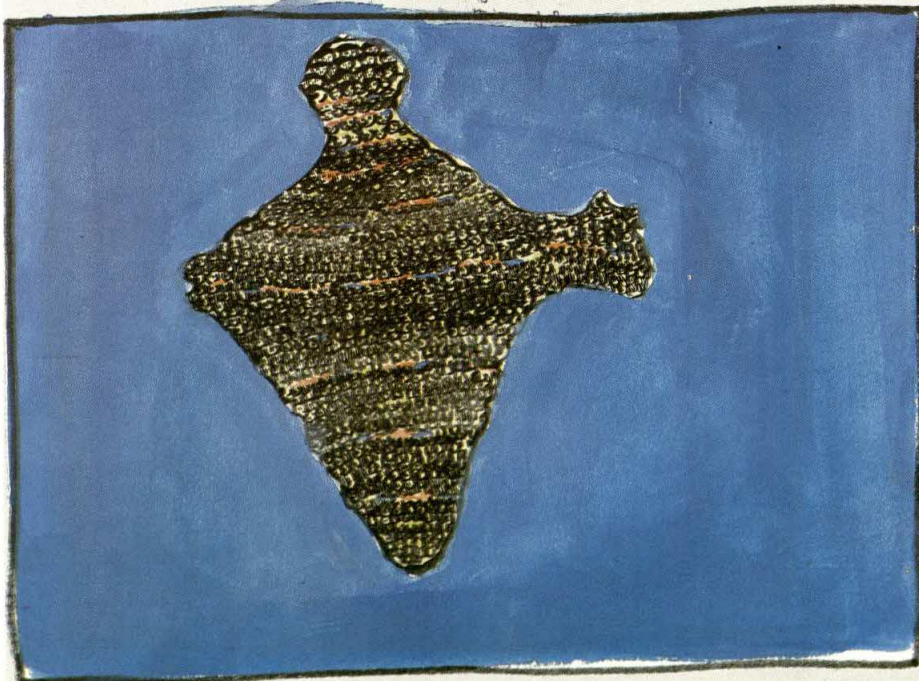
J.A. Eknath — 15 years
Your world ... and the future of mine



P. Singh — 15 years
The growing fight for survival



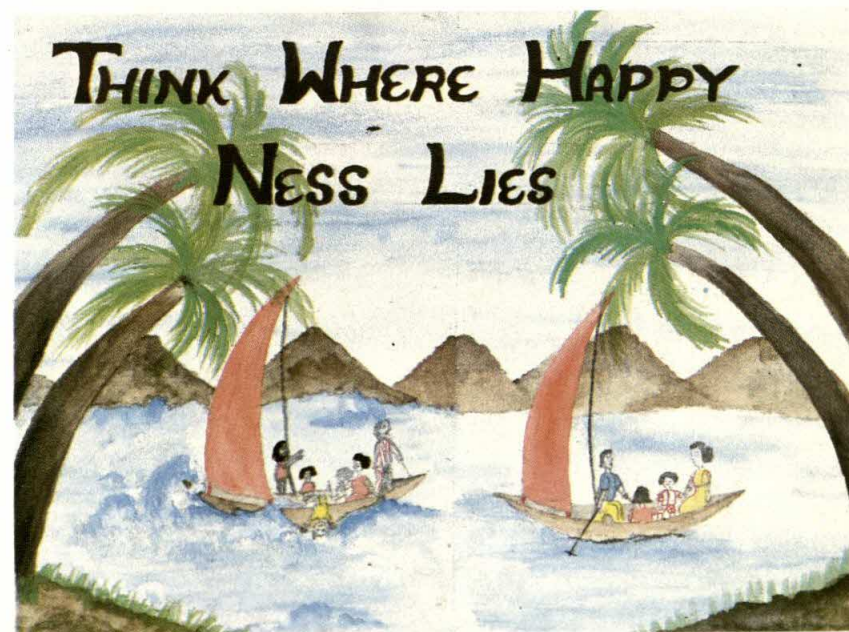
After 20 years the situation in our
country will be in



A.Sunanda — 14 years
Yesterday ... today ... and our future



Sanjay — 11 years
Stealing away a child's glorious dream



N.J. Kaur — 15 years
"Where would your happiness lie?"

2 Population and space

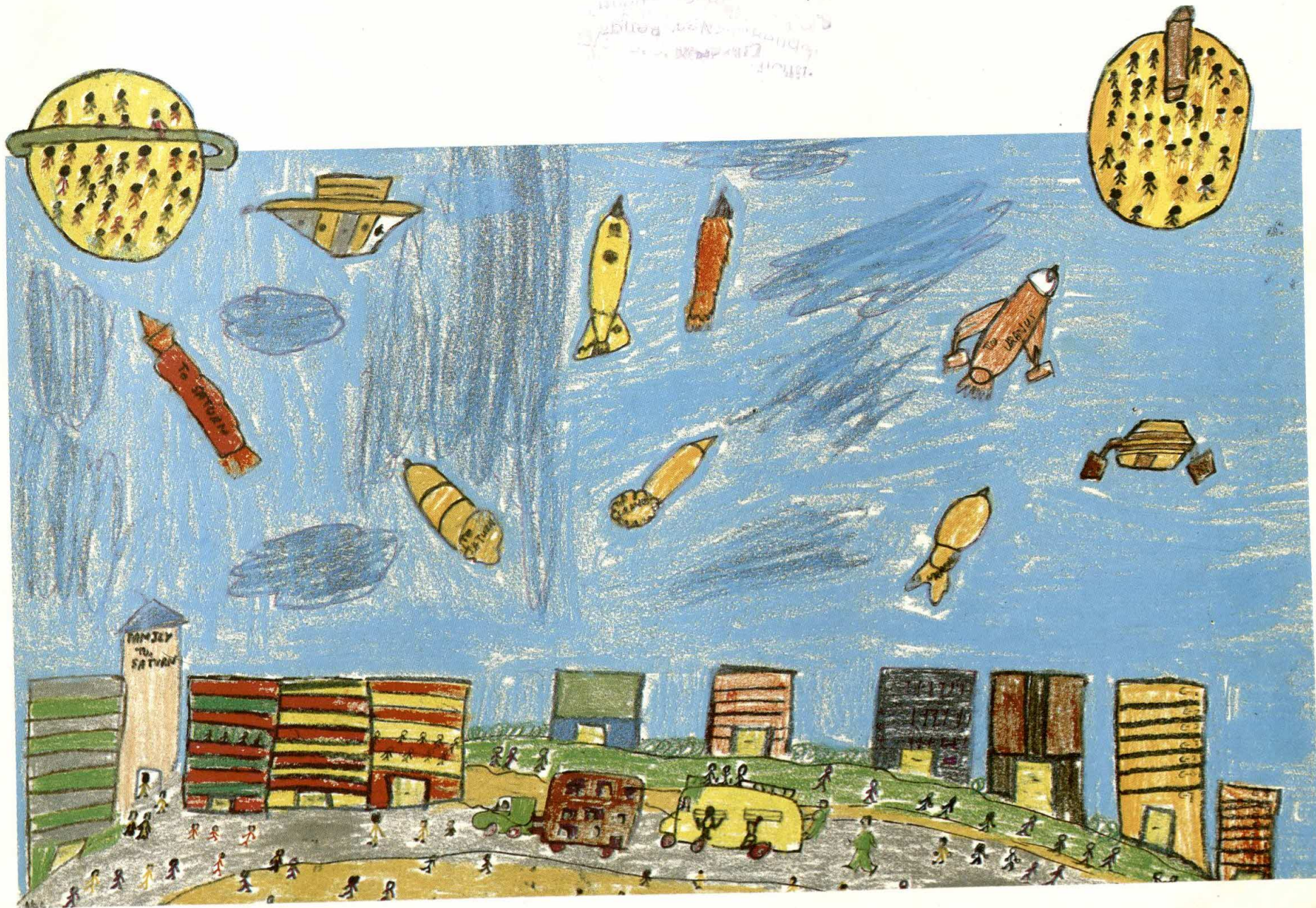
"What we do now about population and development will determine the living conditions and opportunities for unborn generations of the next century.

Today no country in the world can go it alone. The world has become interdependant as never before."

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Age



R. Bhardwaj — 10 years
Now people are crowding into space...and polluting the planets in the sky



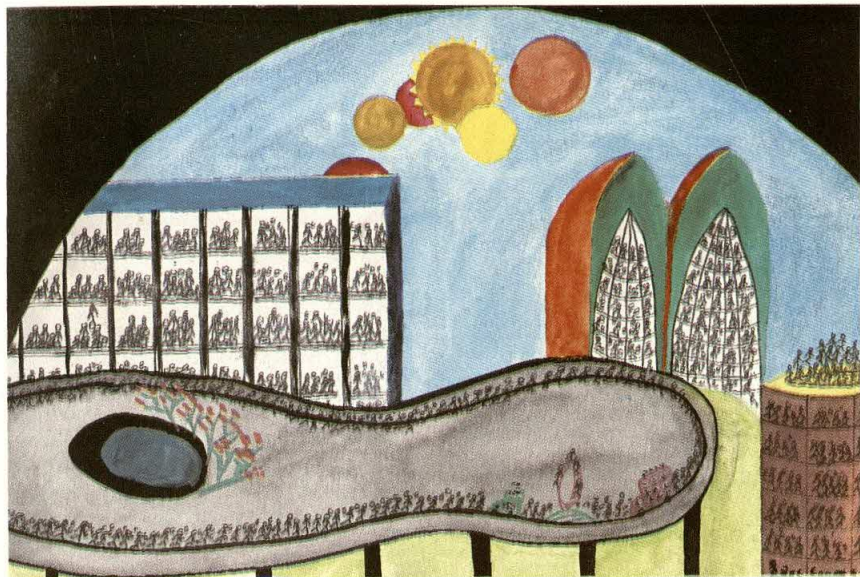
A. Nayak — 11 years
Prize winner

No place on earth ...
people like planets now have to orbit around in outer space

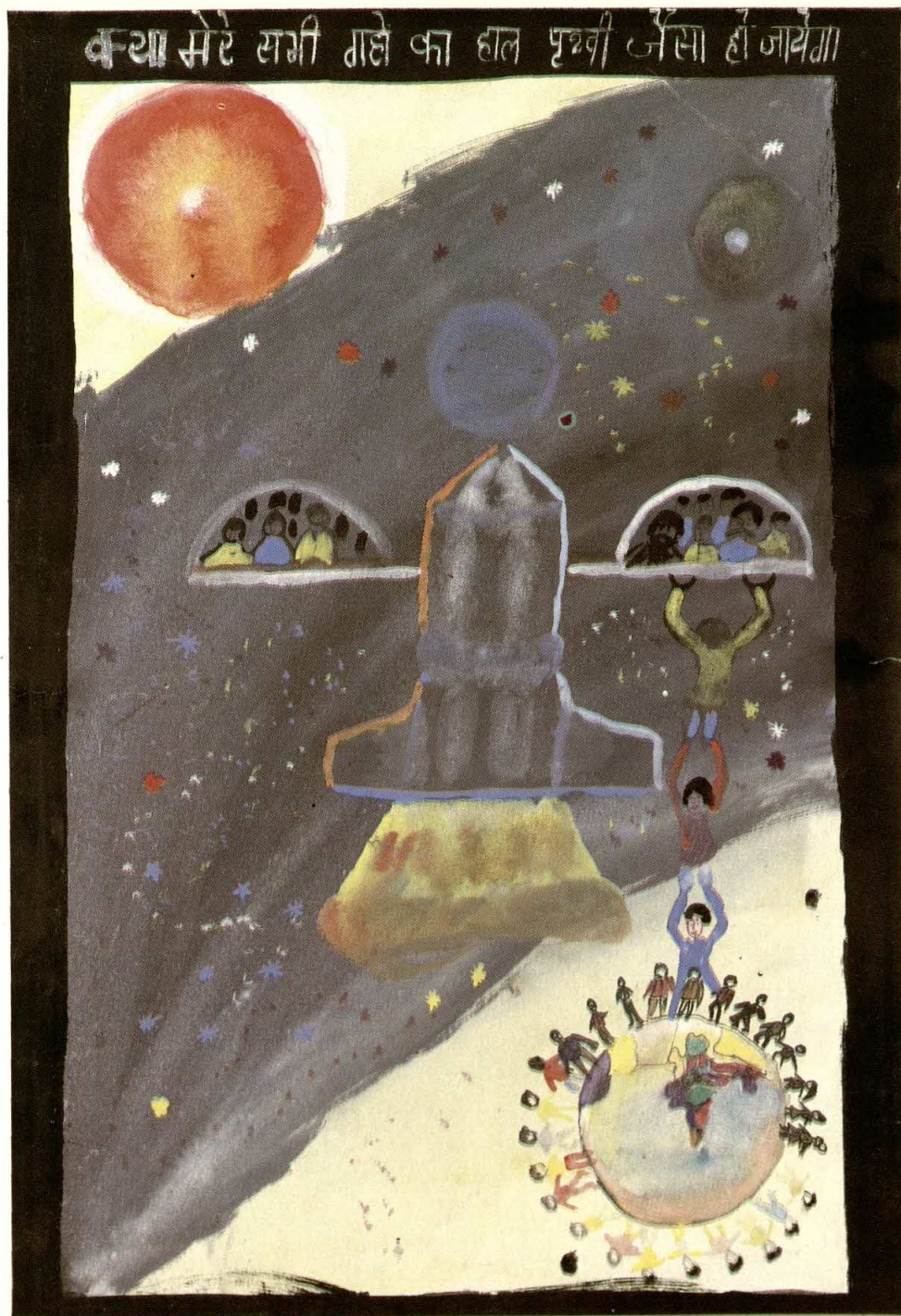
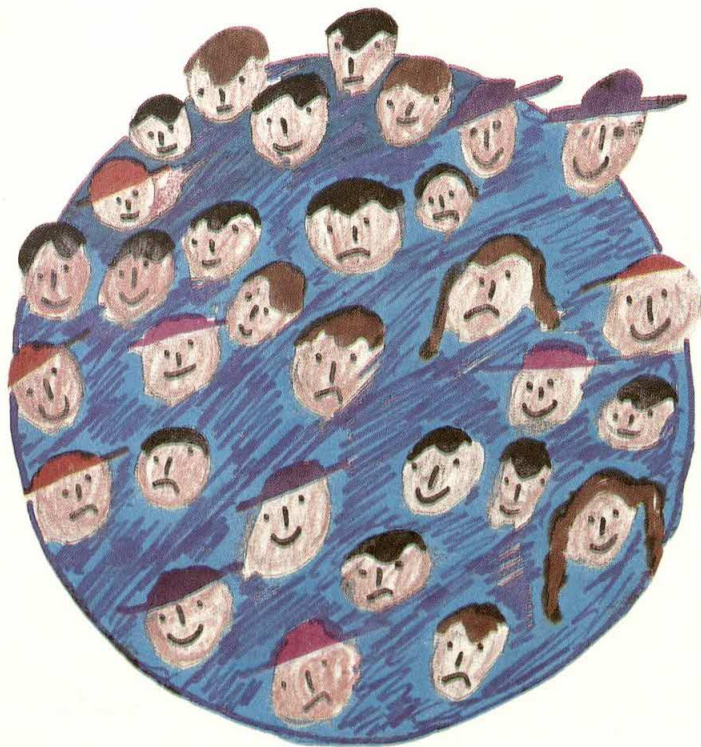


P. Ravi — 14 years

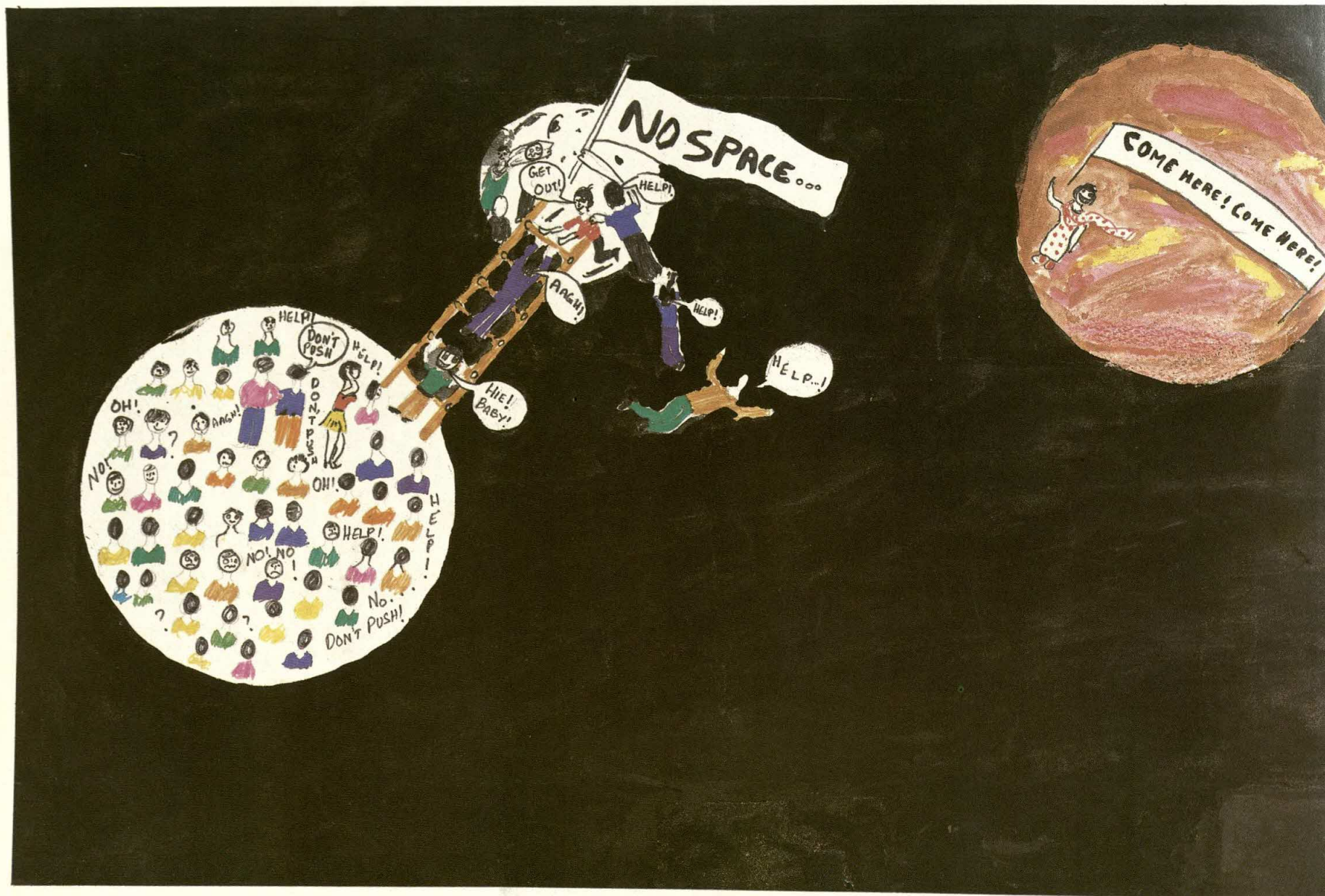
The earth's countries are weeping
Will the planets welcome us in ?



B. Chowdhery — 15 years
The sky looks so peaceful..the earth's such a mess !



S. Sundar — 14 years
In the sun's words :
"Will all my planets face the same disaster that has overwhelmed the earth?"



S. Gopalan — 14 years
No space — on or off the earth

चन्द्रमा

अब यहाँ का टिकट मत
बेचो जगहा भर गयी है!

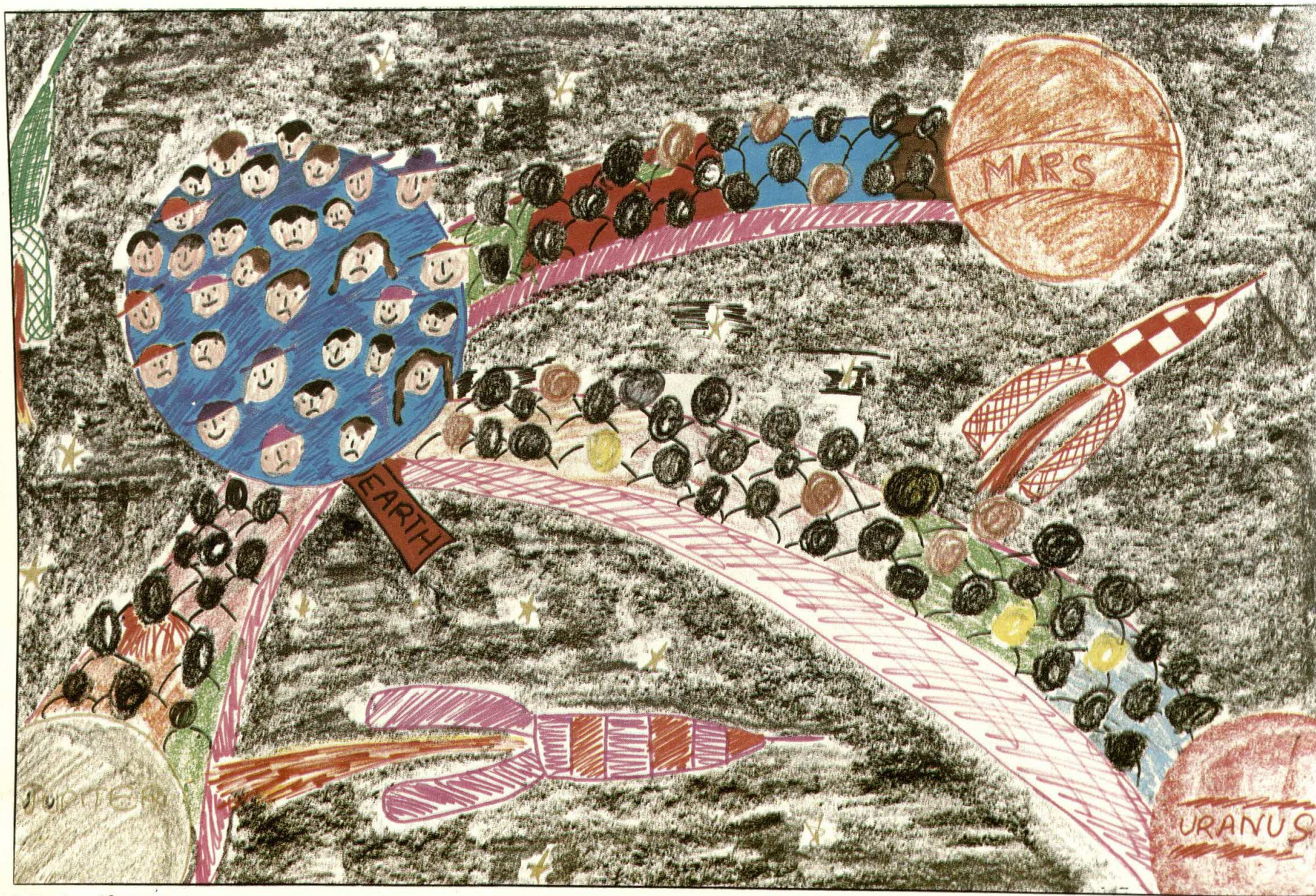
पृथ्वी पर रहने की जगहा समाप्त हो गयी
तो मनुष्य चाँद पर बसने लगा परन्तु चाँद
पर भी रहने की जगहा समाप्त हो गयी

अब क्या होगा ?

पृथ्वी

M. Zahid — 13 years

Moon Manager calls Earthling:
"Don't sell any more tickets,
there is no place left on the moon!"



S. Kaul — 10 years

"Can we ever find place for ourselves on another planet?"

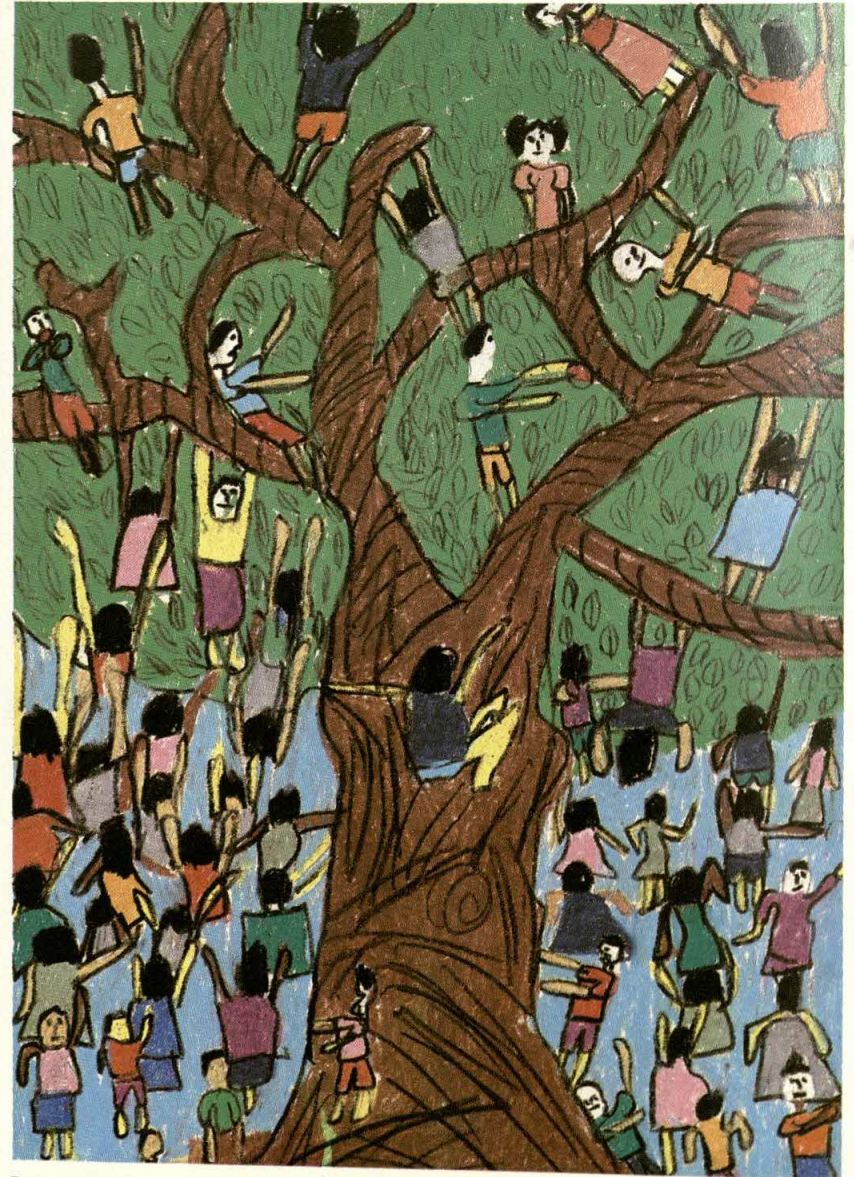


Santosh D.R. — 15 years
If something isn't done today —
tomorrow will be just too late

3 Population and environment

“Expanding population and slow income growth in combination with generally inadequate technology is causing over-exploitation of land resources for food and fuel in many areas of India.

The result is a deteriorating human and natural environment.”



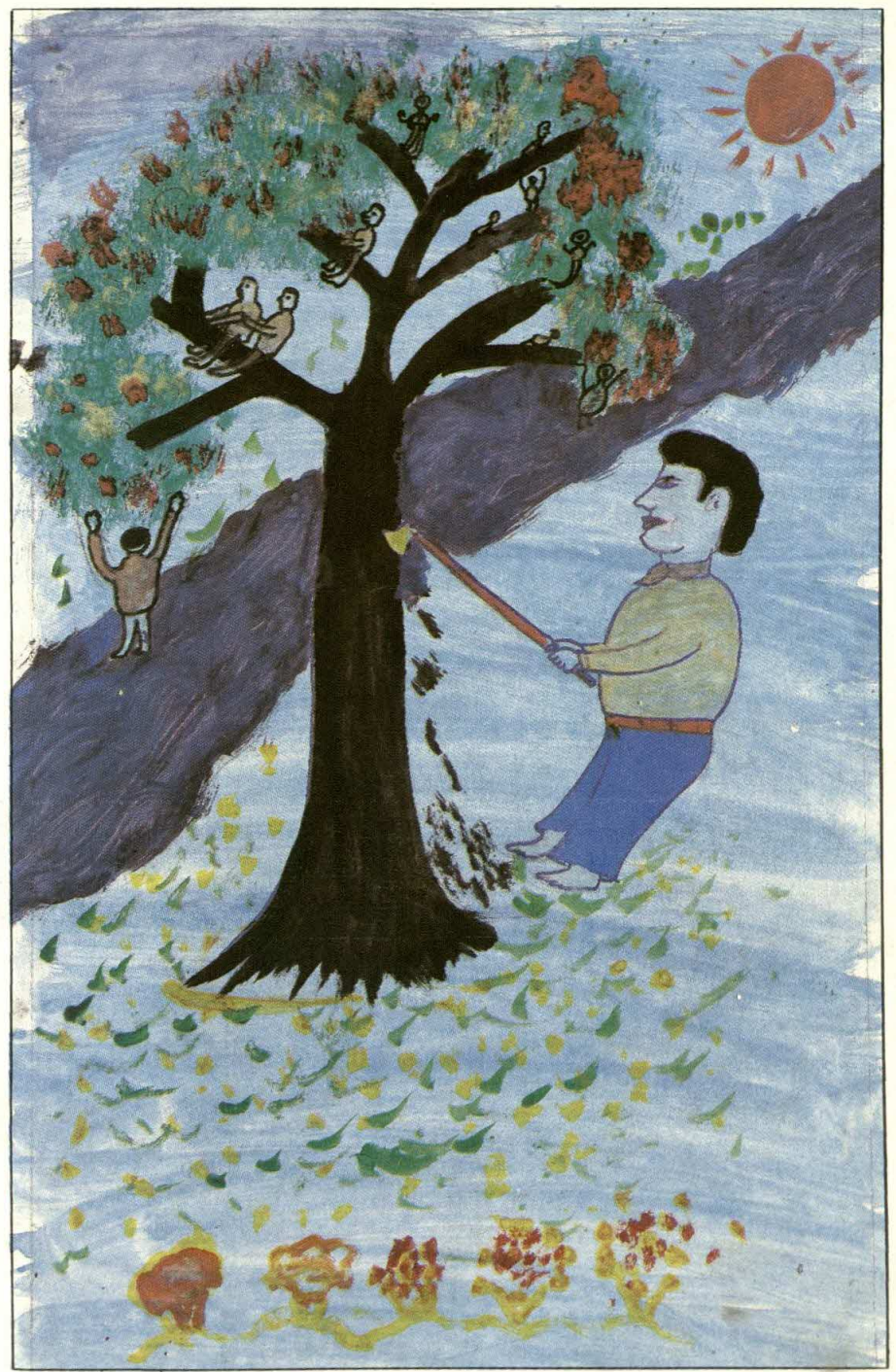
R.B. Bhatnagar — 10 years

“As the population grows...nature dies a little more”



R. Kumar — 13 years
Is this ignorance or irresponsibility?

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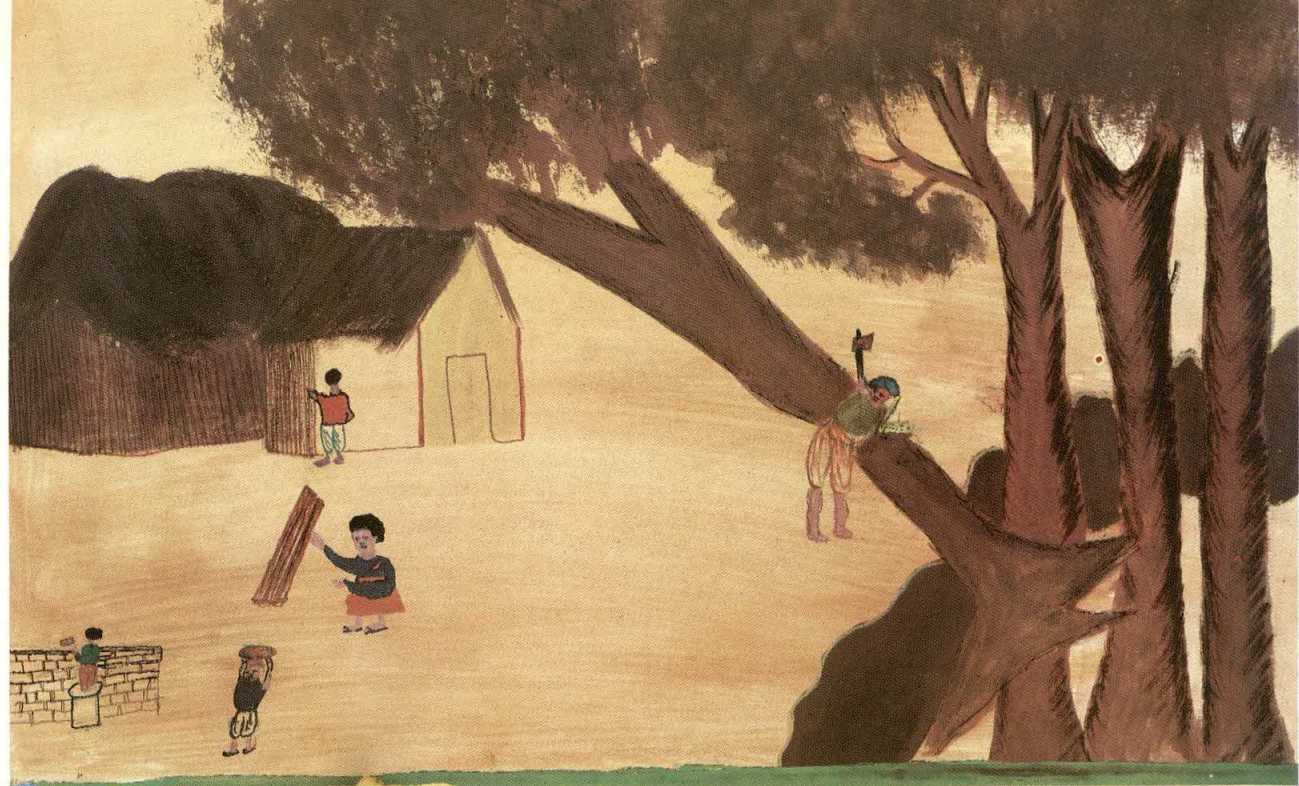
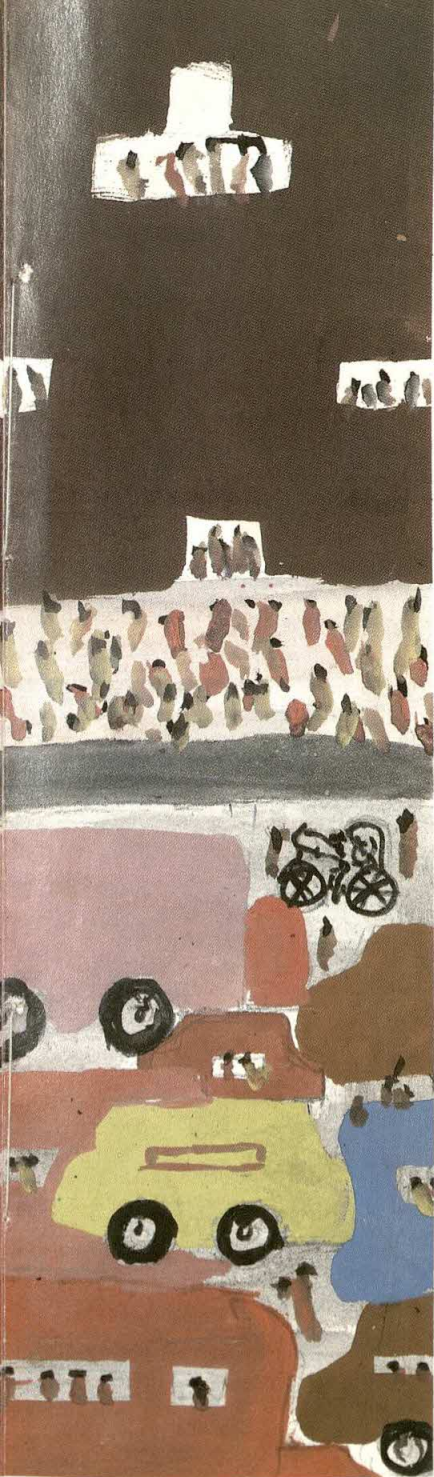


S. Singh — 11 years
How will the tree live — if every branch is taken away by man?



Neeti — 14 years

Look ! Even an ant can't find place to breathe in here !

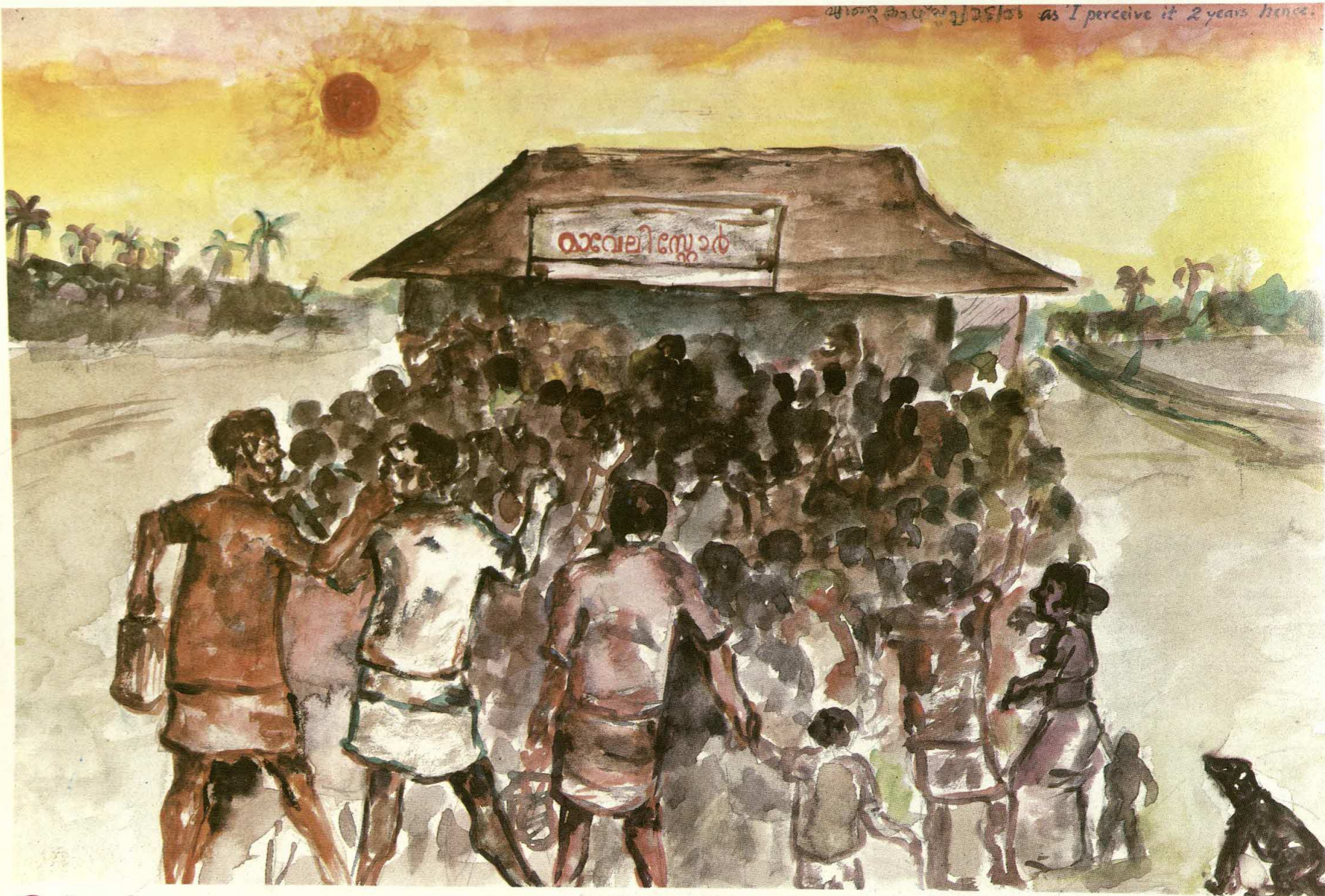


R. Khanna — 17 years
The rise of man and the fall of the forest



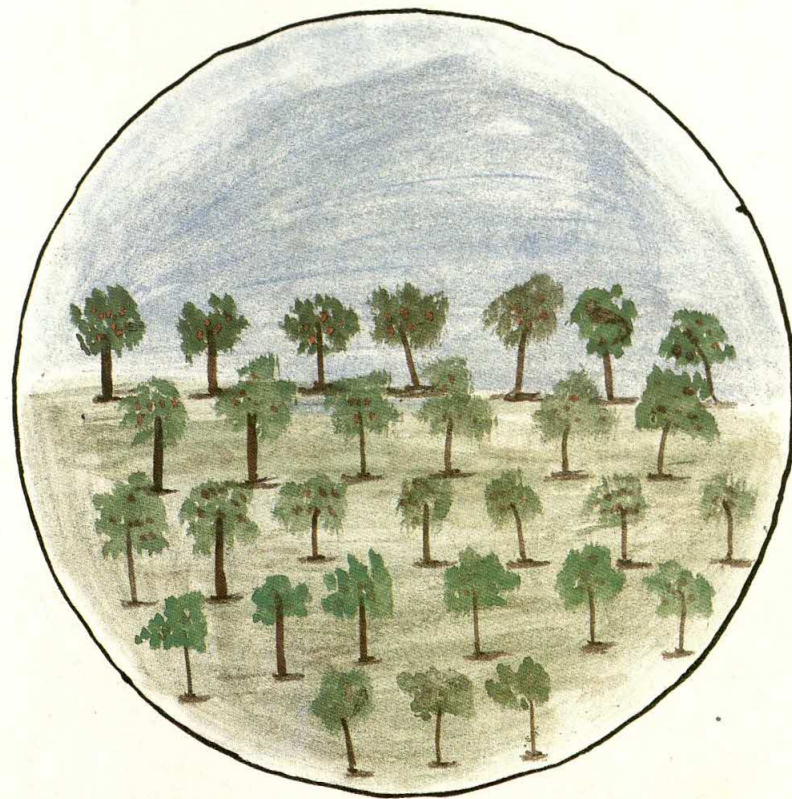
M.M. Kumar — 14 years
Nature has so little to sustain us now

as I perceive it 2 years hence.



Shyam P.
Prize winner

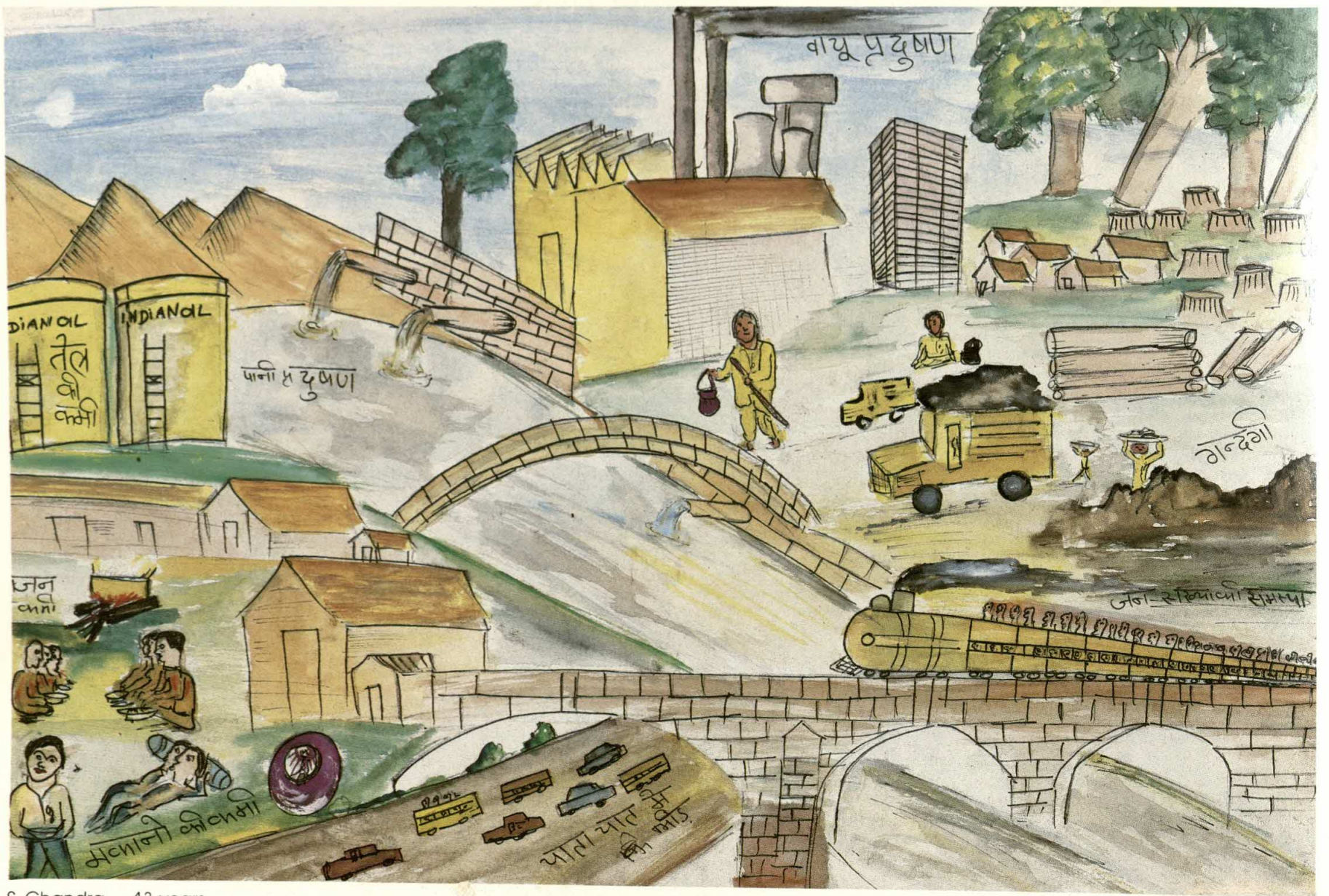
All these people pushing and pushing so hard.
I can't see or even run away



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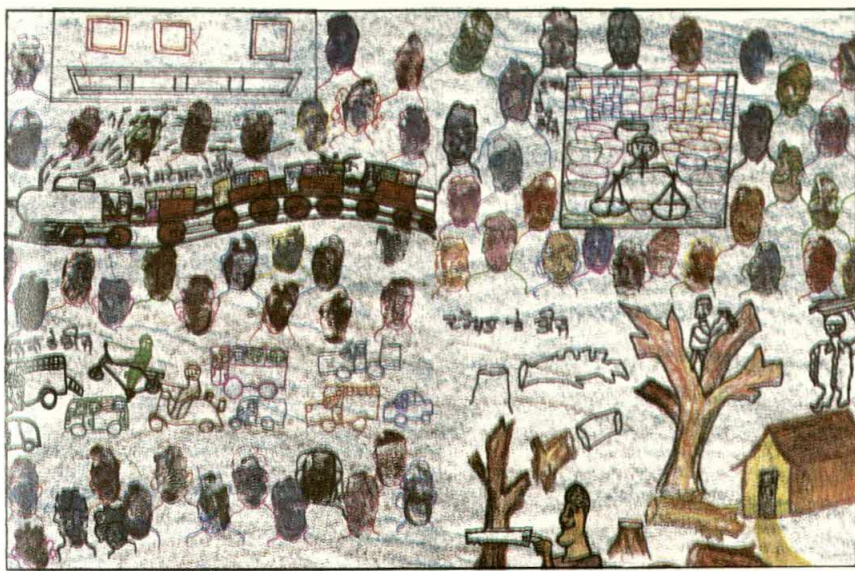


K. Singh — 14 years
 "For every forest we cut, ... we should plant another"

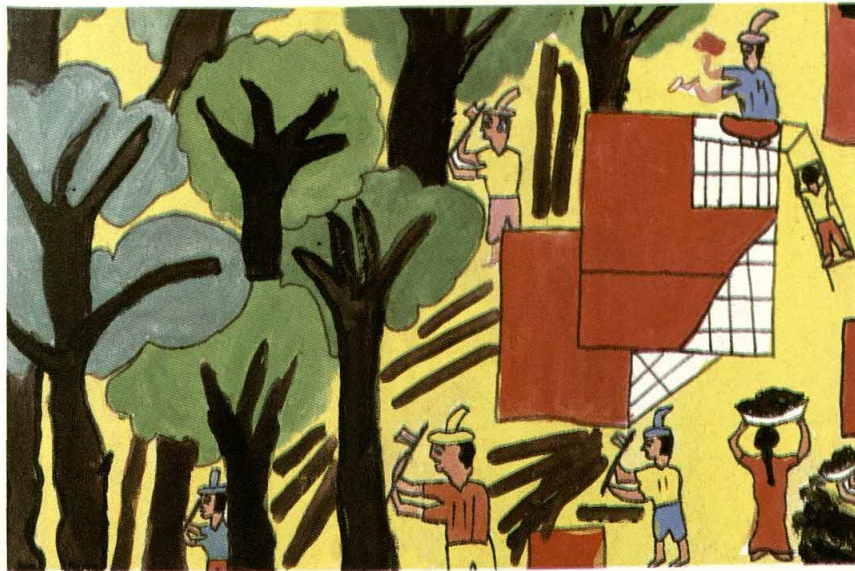


S. Chandra — 13 years

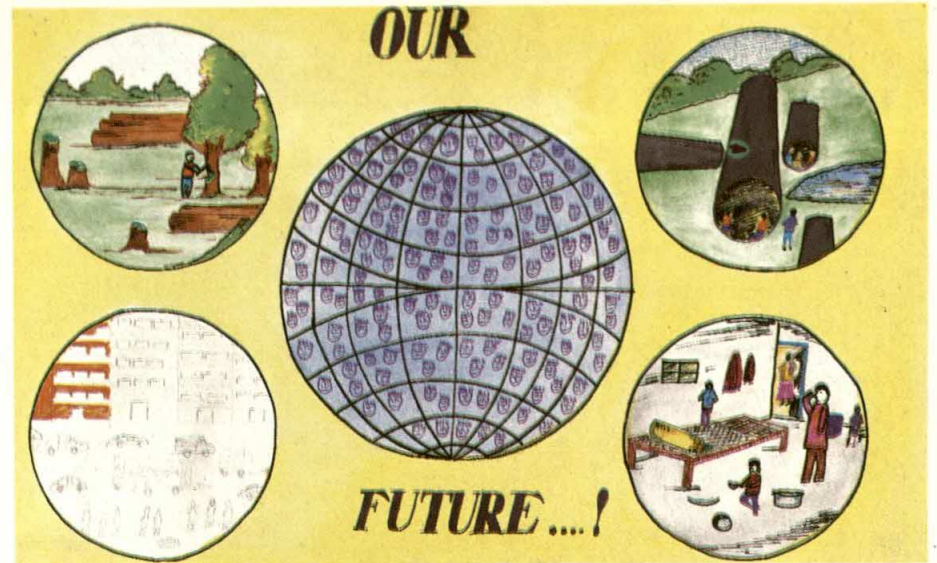
Shortage of everything I need ... pollution everywhere I turn



K. Ram — 14 years
People are choking their environment to death



H. Aggarwal — 11 years
We take — but have forgotten how to give



K. Gagan Deep
"Our future ... is it this?"



K. Sarala — 15 years
The plight of my world — twenty years later





D. Sagar — 14 years

Will there be some shade or shelter that you'll leave behind ?

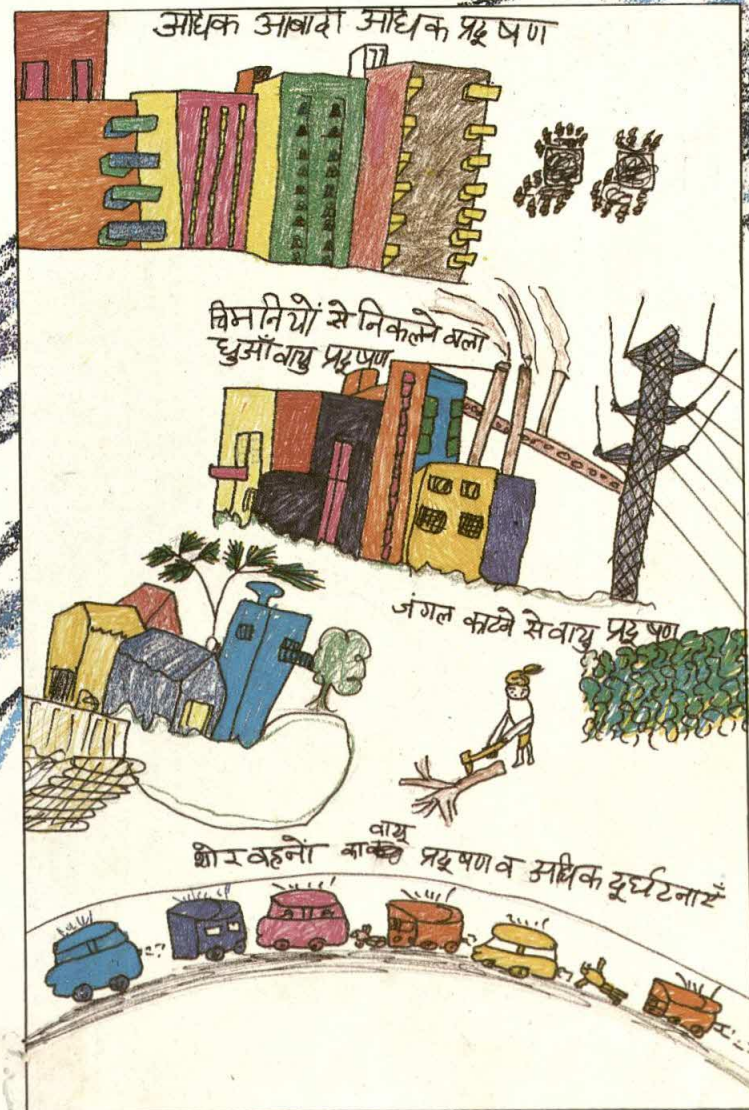


Raju — 14 years

We are ravaging the wealth of nature with our own hands

4 Population and pollution

"Development in its broadest integration demands the consciousness of limits to enable individuals to act without degrading themselves and their environment and so prevent further individual or national growth."



S. Kumari — 9 years

"More people, cutting of trees, smoke and noise — mean more pollution"



A. D'Souza — 13 years

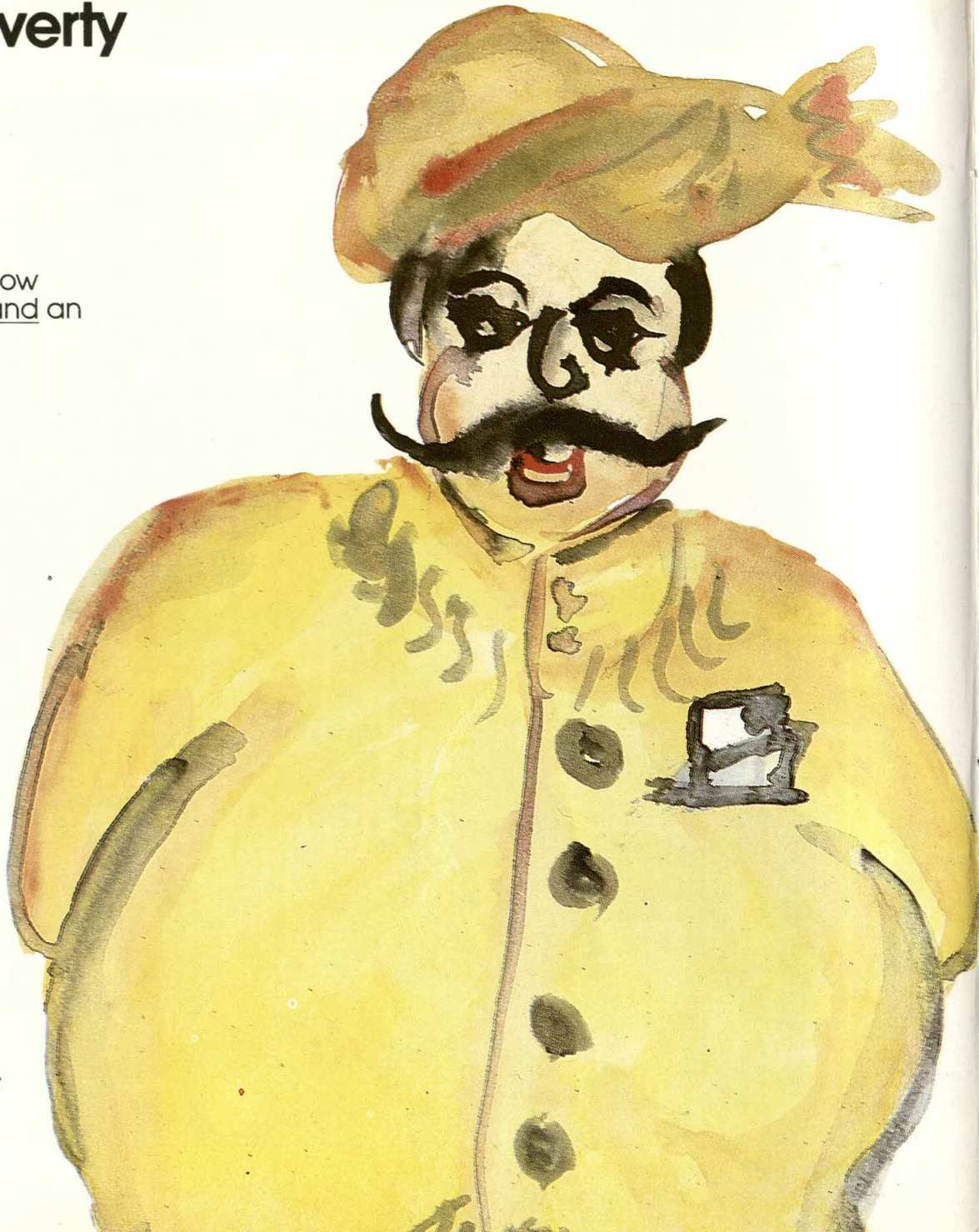
Who will live amidst the left-overs of this generation ?



K. Gianchandani — 13 years
People have taken the place of fresh air

5 Population and poverty

"Rapid population growth is now accepted as both a cause and an effect of poverty."





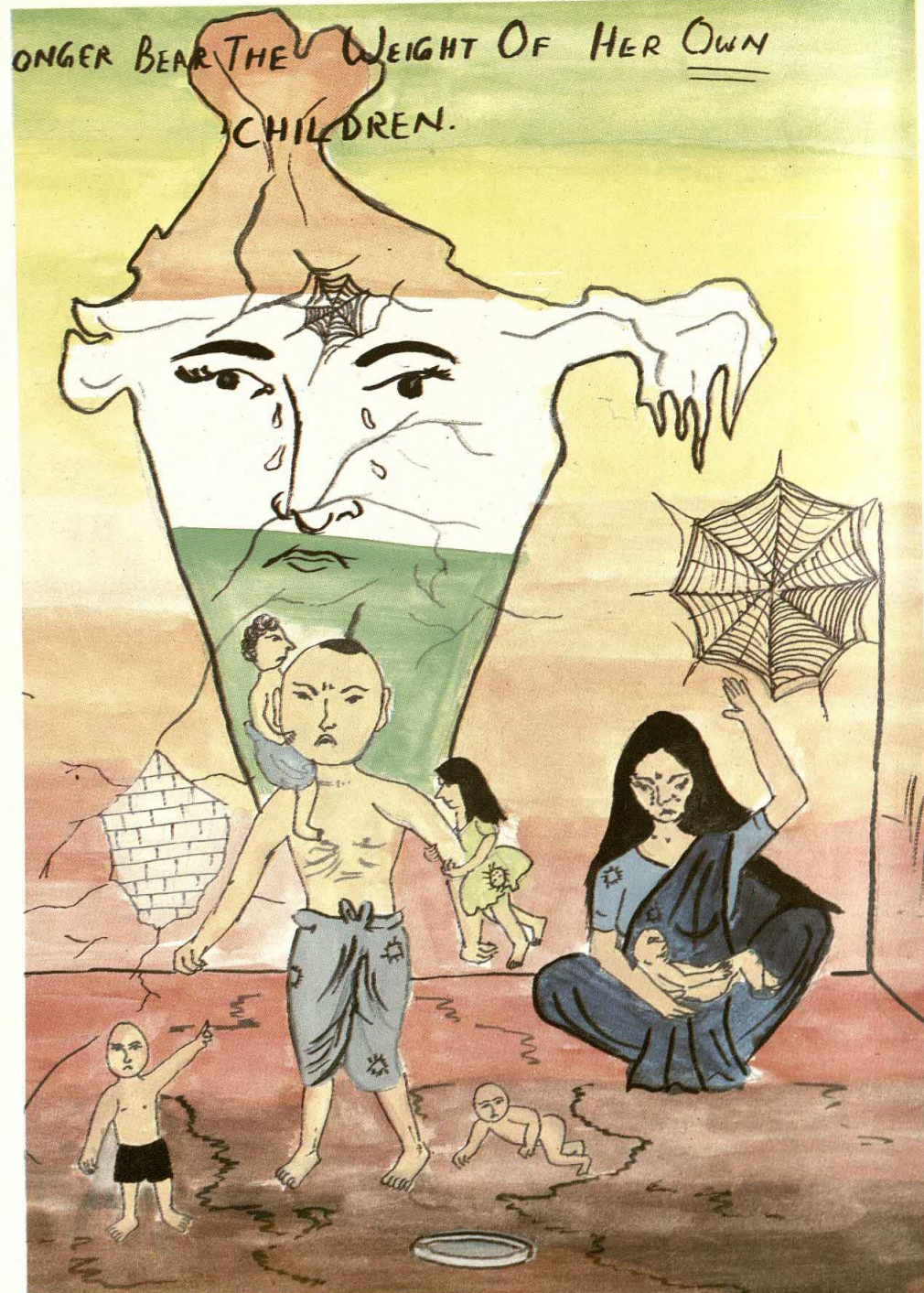
M. Borthakur — 12 years
 Prosperity for one...
 Poverty for the rest



G. Shamim — 14 years
Refugees from the world — where will we go ?



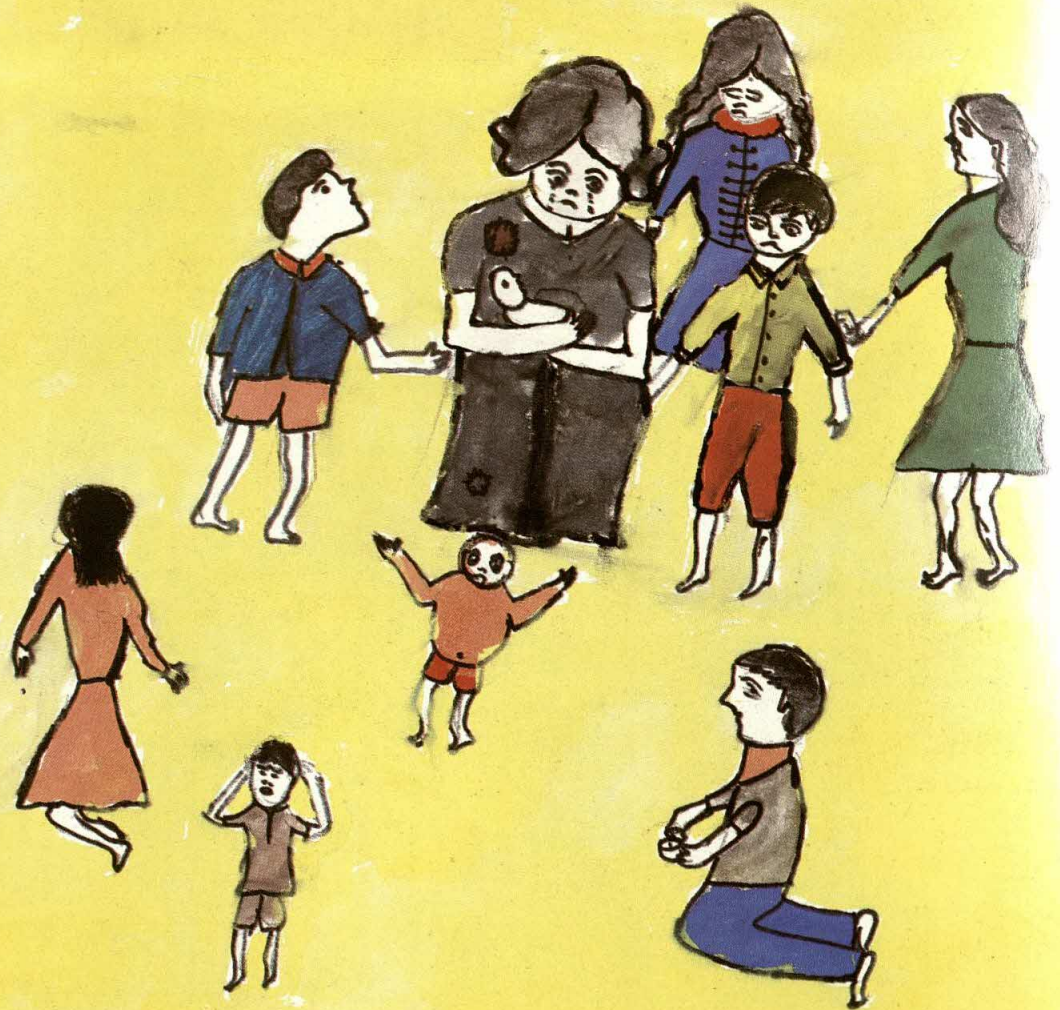
N. Rajalakshmi — 11 years
Will this happen to me ?



P. Singh — 14 years
"The country can no longer bear the weight of her own children"



M. Barua — 12 years
The dark faces of despair look at me



A.K. Raj — 13 years

"Who is wiser ?

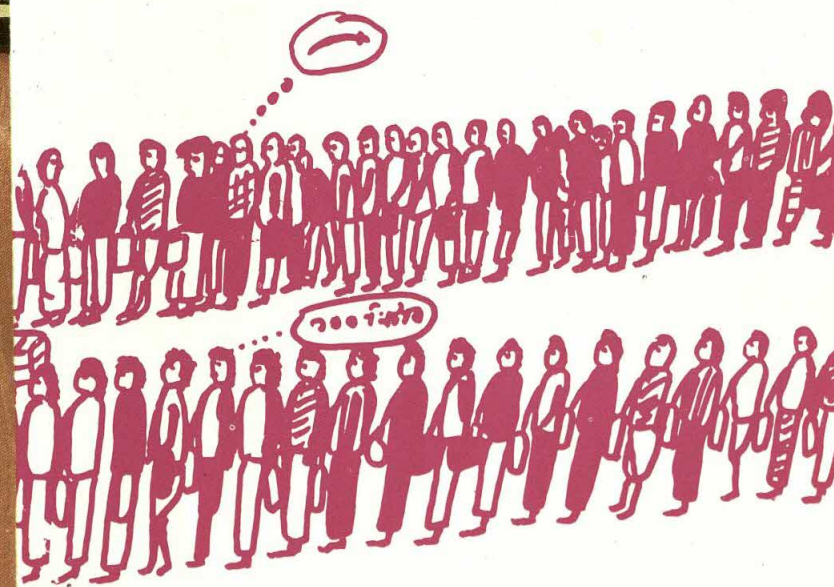
Even the animals limit their litter according to their resources"



Raj Kumar — 15 years

"Voices of hunger fill the home of many children
But peace and plenty nurture the home of two"

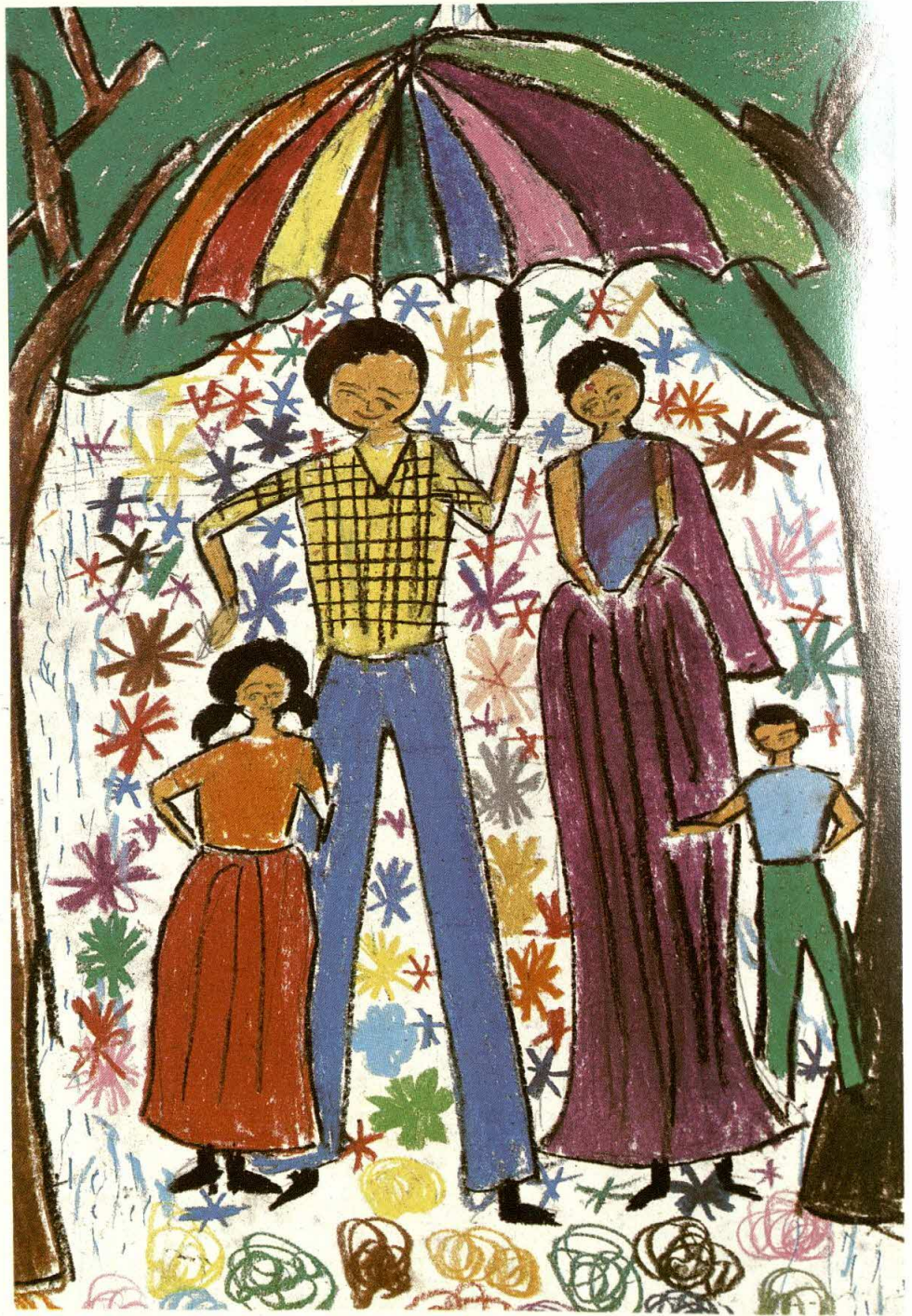




V. Aggarwal — 14 years
Who will save him...
Who will save us ?

6 Population and family planning

"Regardless of the political system, the important element is participation."



U. Nanda — 8 years
Prize winner

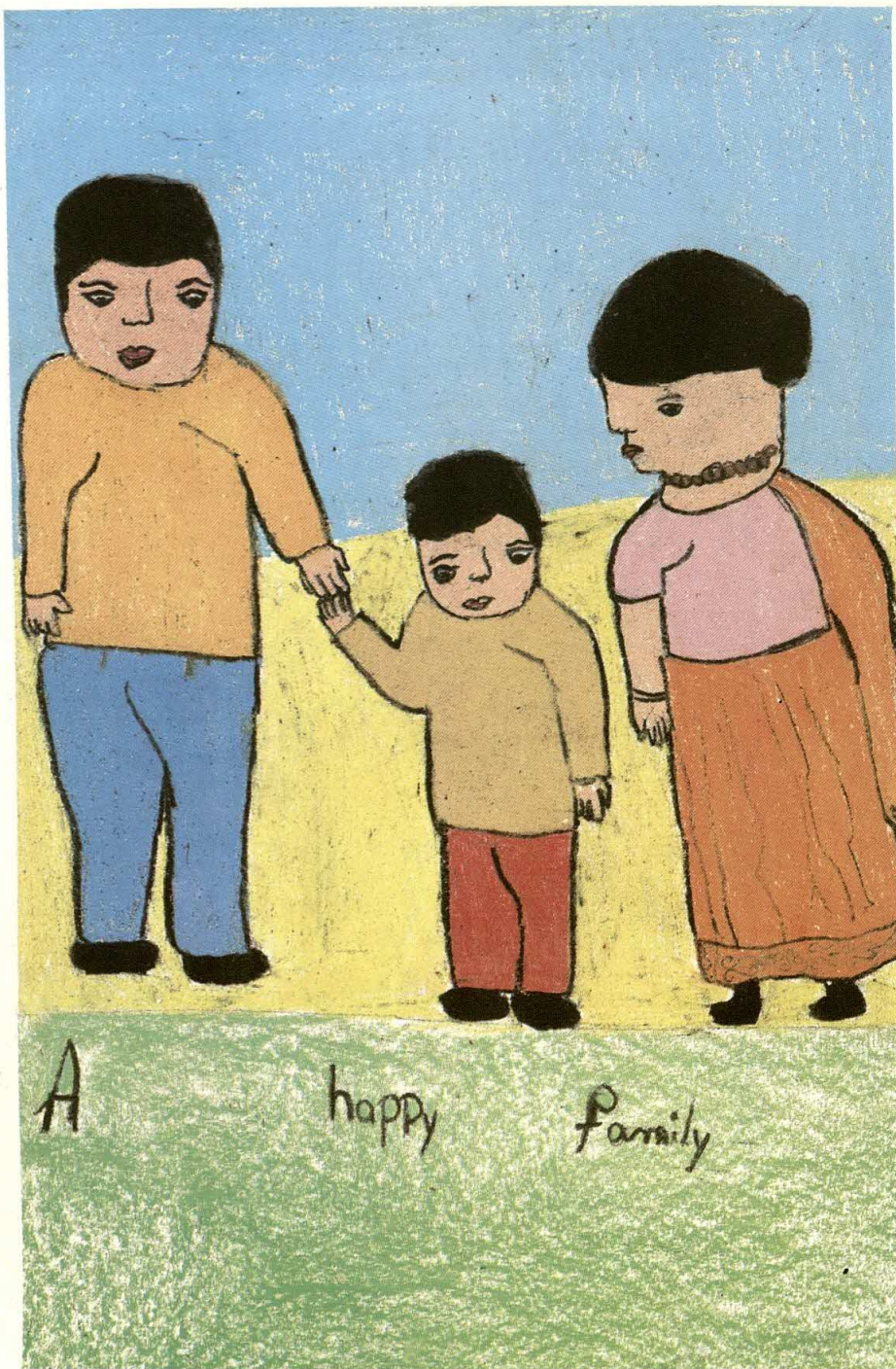
Don't you want your children to be happy like us?

दो बच्चों से मझे अंगना,
औरों की न करो तमन्ना ।

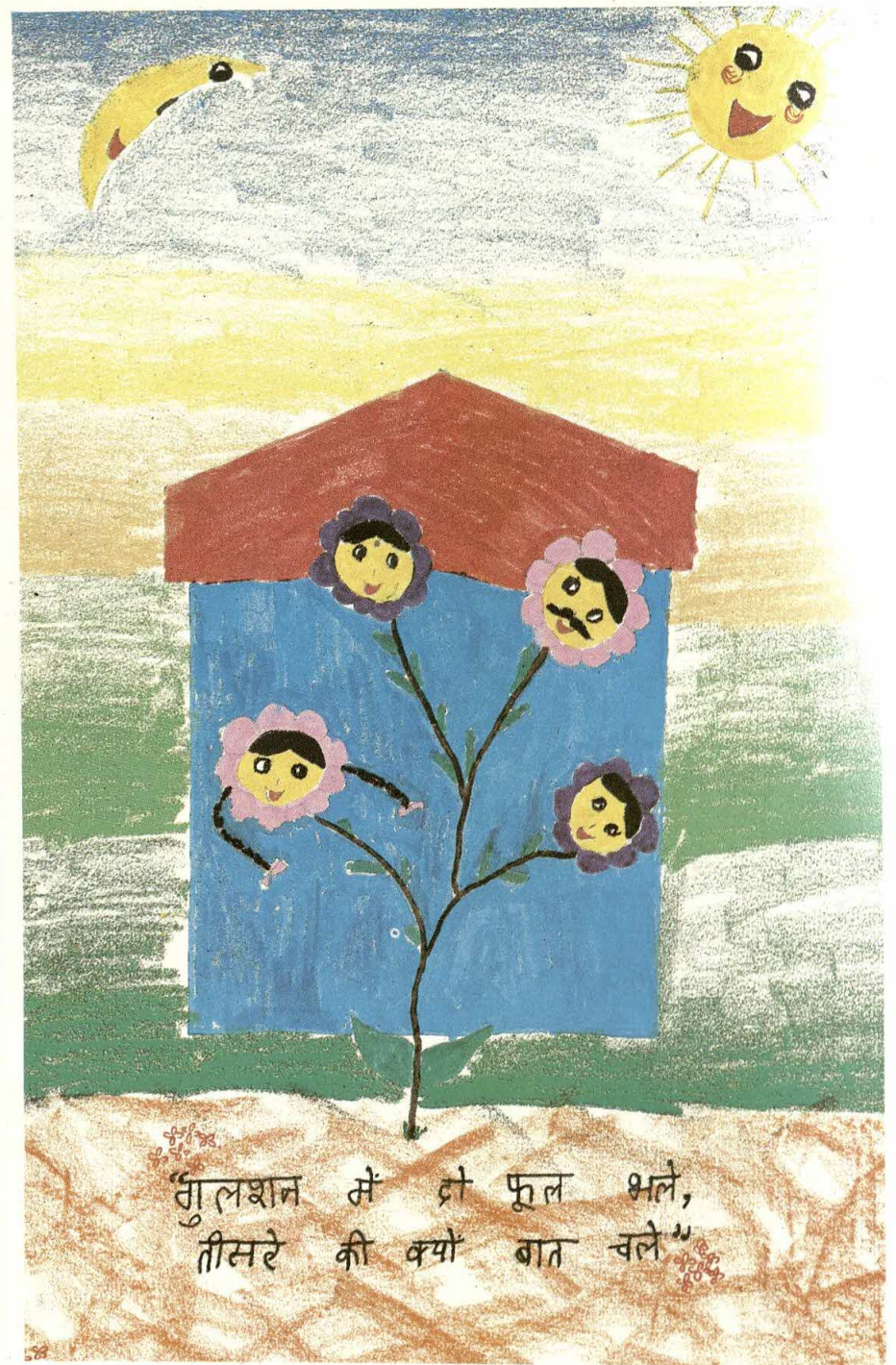


Shweta — 10 years

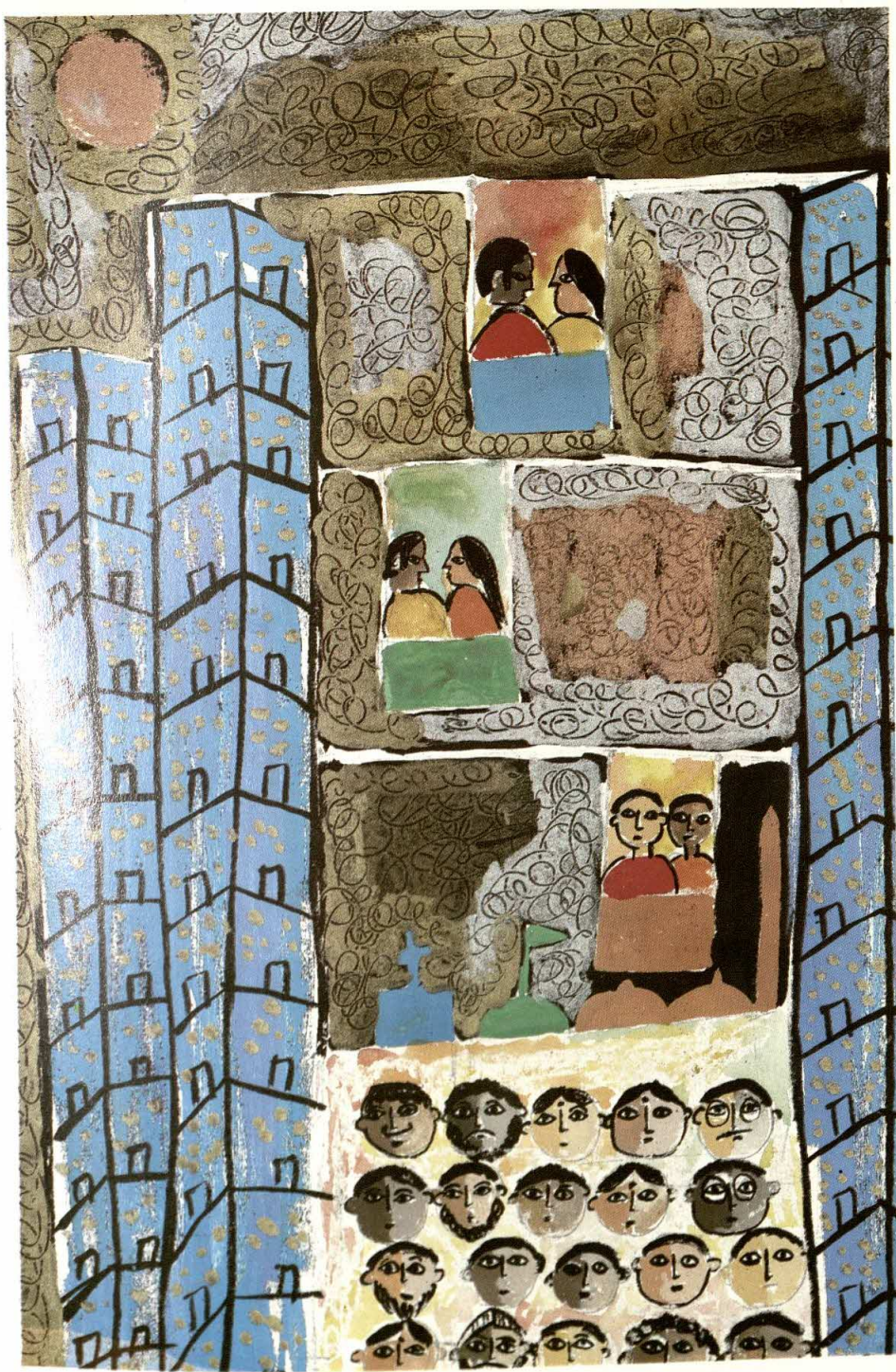
"With two children to sweeten your world
why long for more and more?"



A. Bose — 5 years
You can have a happy family too



S. Gogia — 9 years
"When the fragrance of two flowers fills up a garden...
Is there need for any more?"



Anonymous

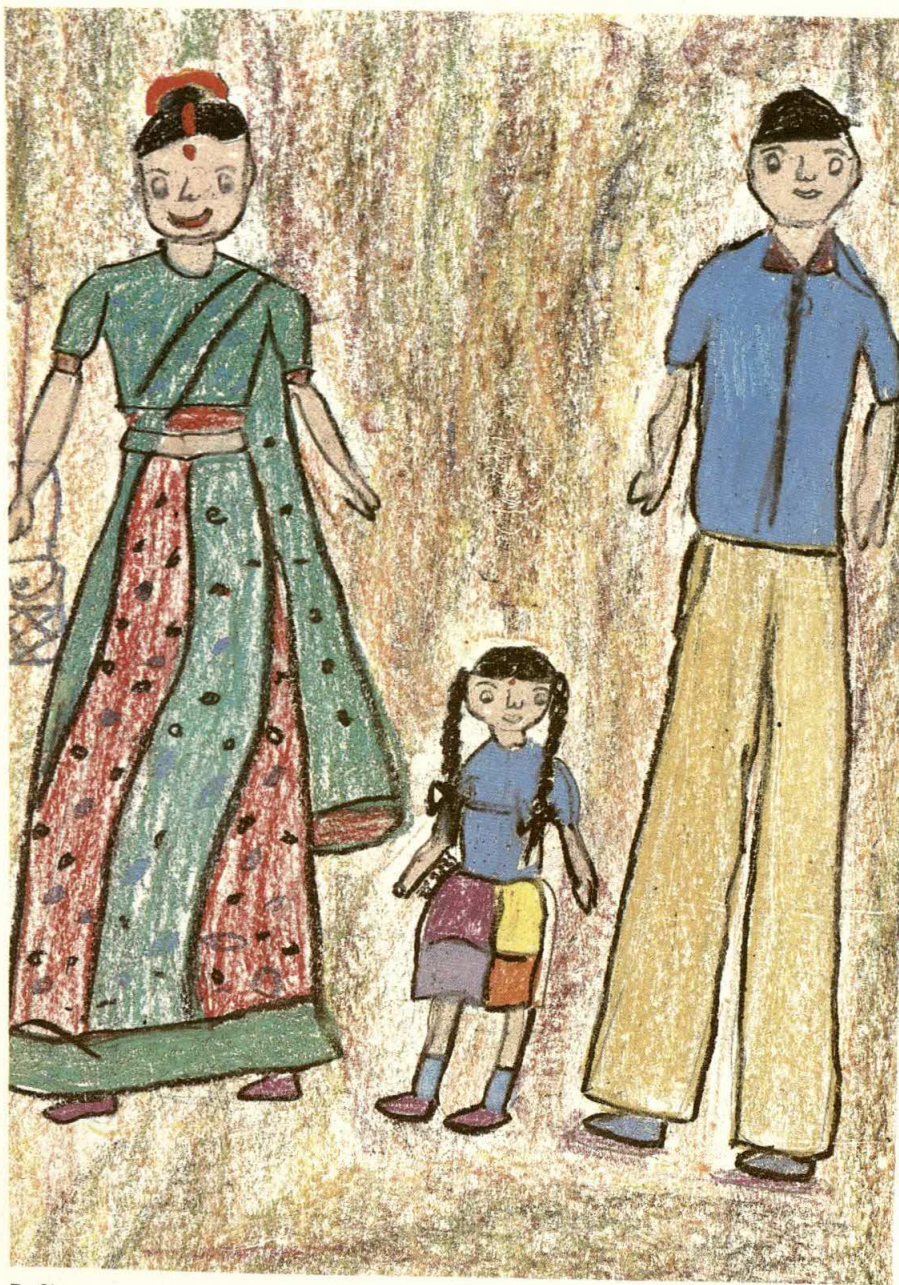
Everyone of them can do so much to help...
when will they begin ?



N.S. Shah — 10 years
There's still hope if we start today



S. Bajaj. — 10 years
Hunger, despair, helplessness await
the unborn generation



R. Sharma — 11 years
Help us find a happy tomorrow



V. Parkash — 16 years
Did you know that 63,000 babies are born every day ?

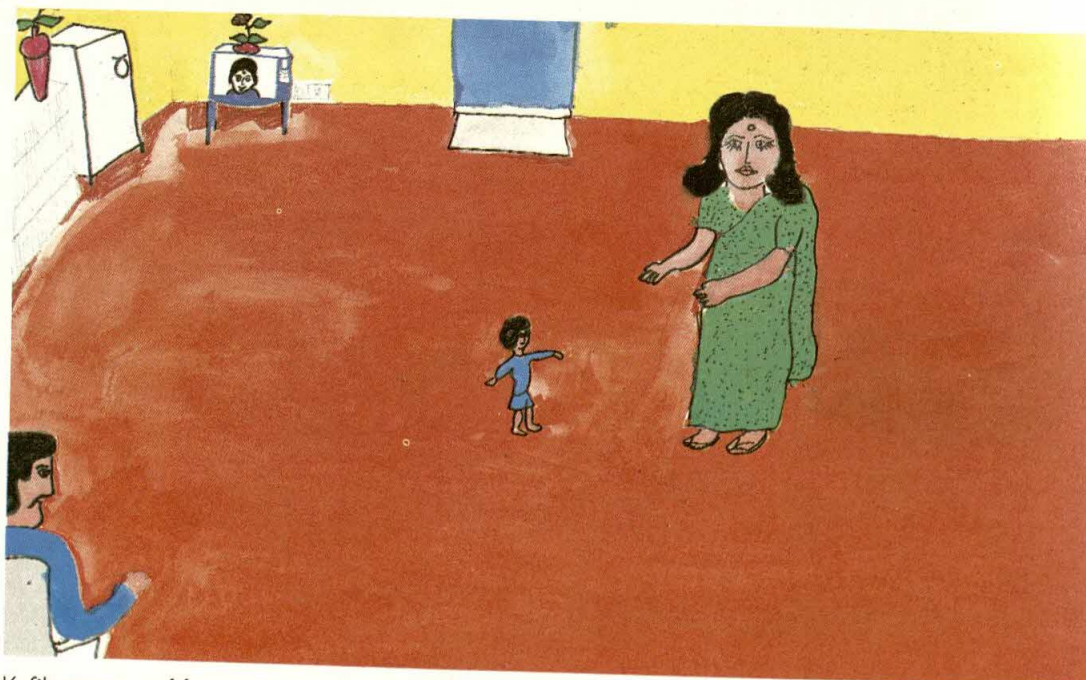


S. Verma — 12 years

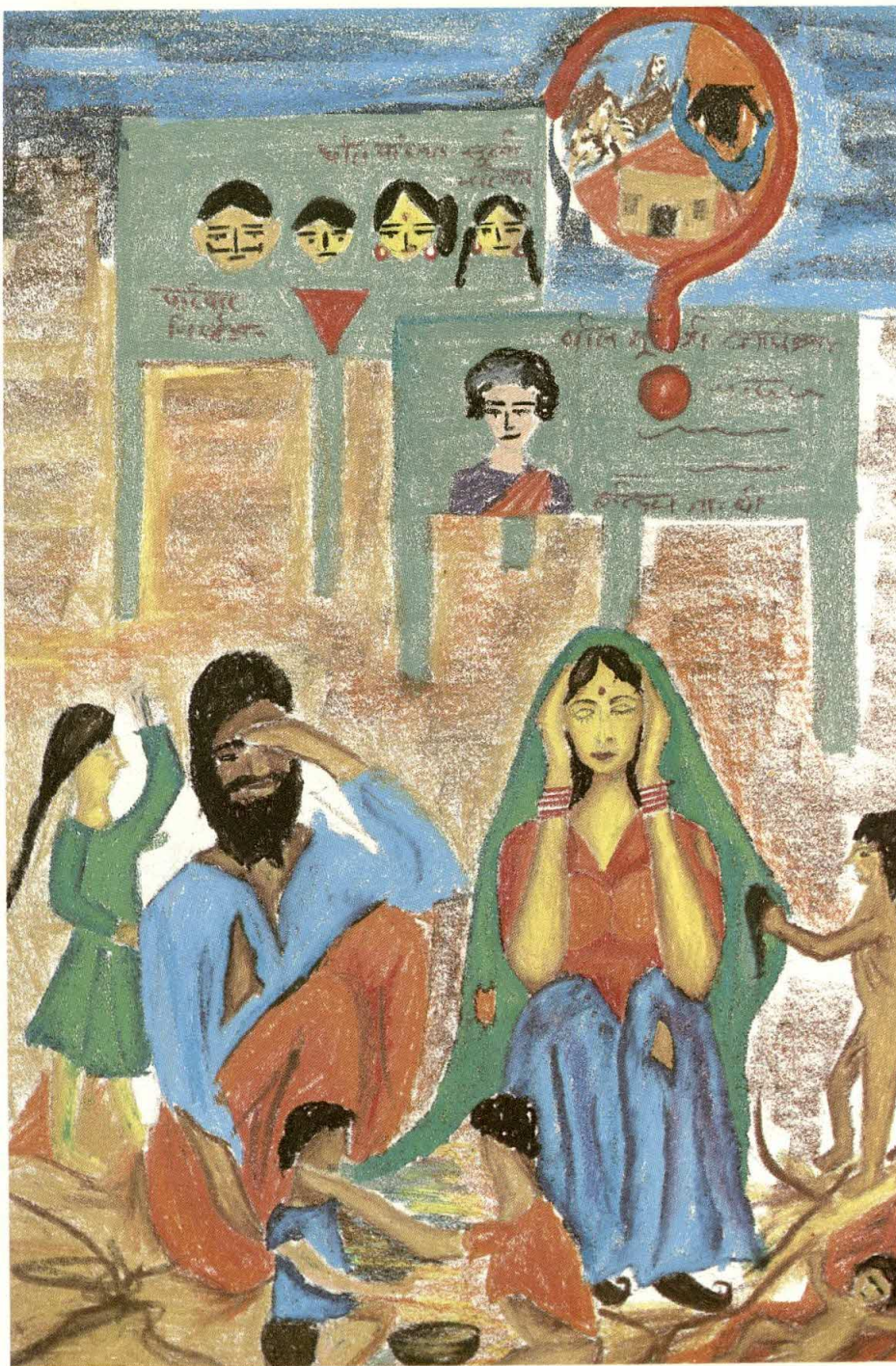
Everyone can find a way to plan a happy family



S. Anand — 5 years
Give me the joy of such a smiling world



K. Sharma — 11 years
A healthy mother — a happy family



R. Kushwaha

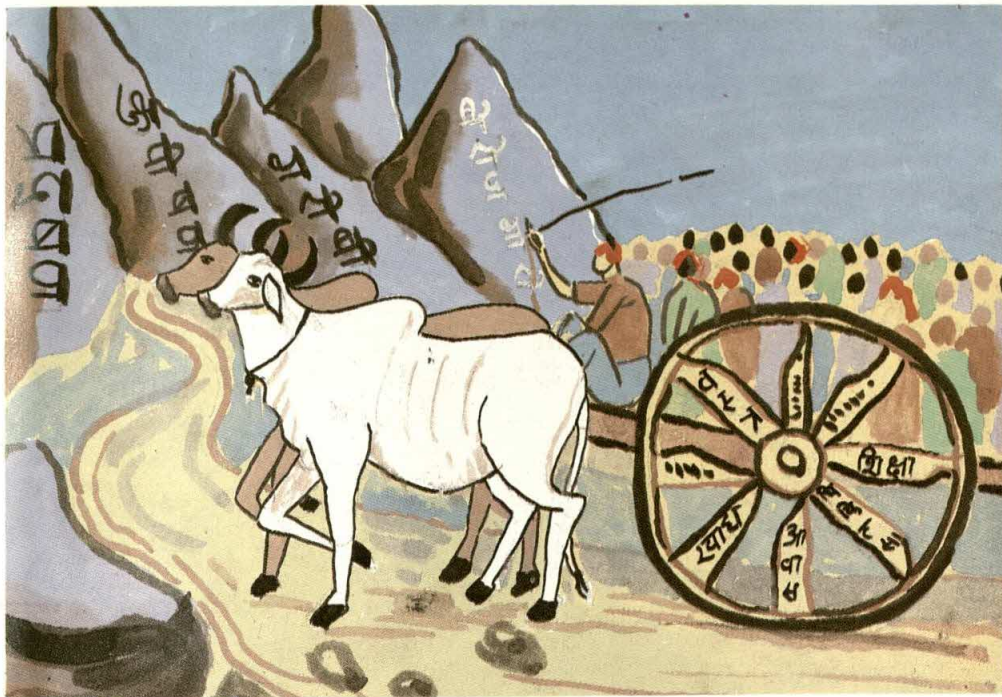
There is a solution to this overwhelming despair



7 Population: The future shock

"Facts are useless without energy and vision to turn them into policies and programmes for the future."





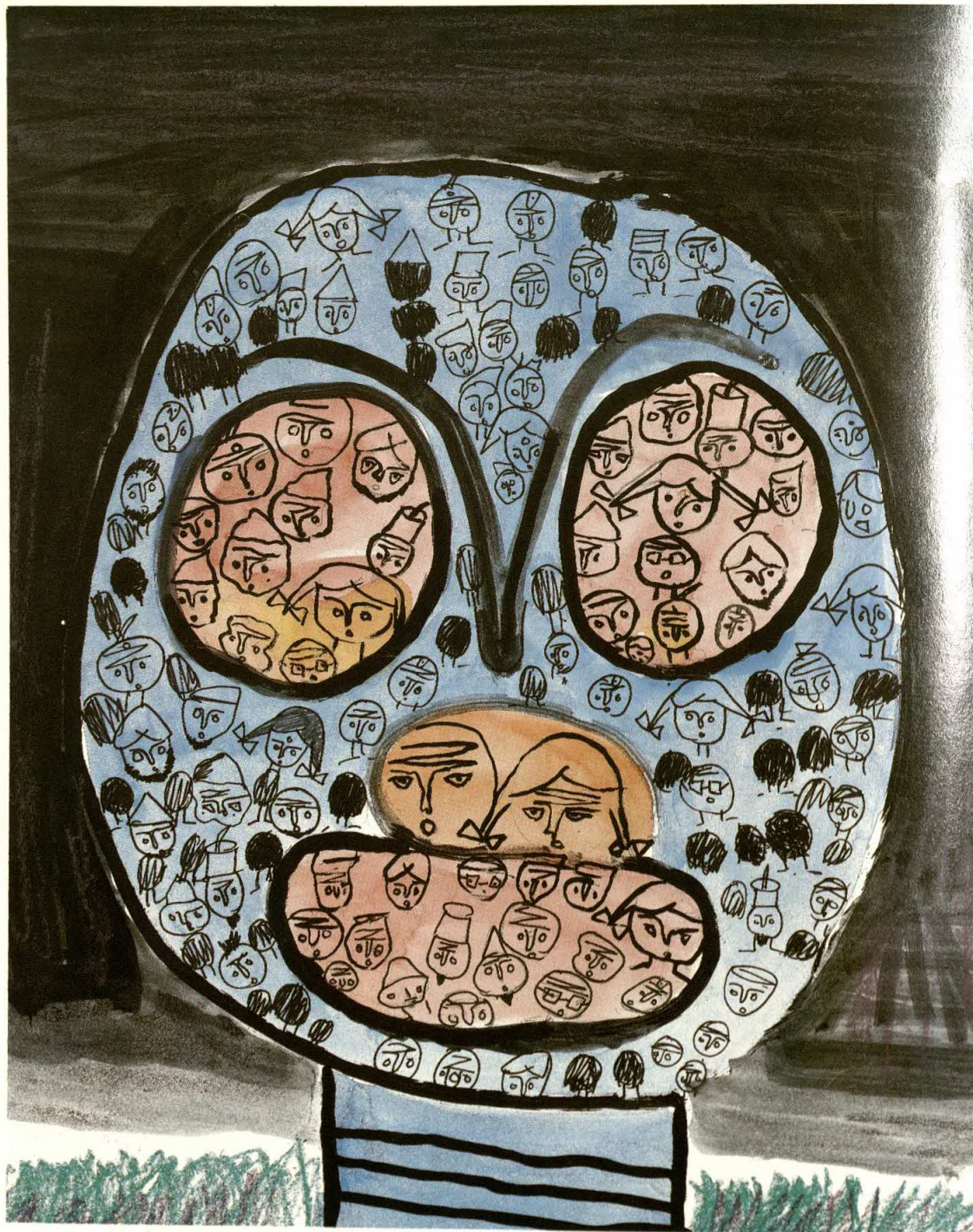
K. Trapti — 15 years
The towering peaks of over-population engulf my land



N. Keshav
The monster waits ... and no one cares



L. Bhatia — 14 years
The population boom begins to trample everything in sight



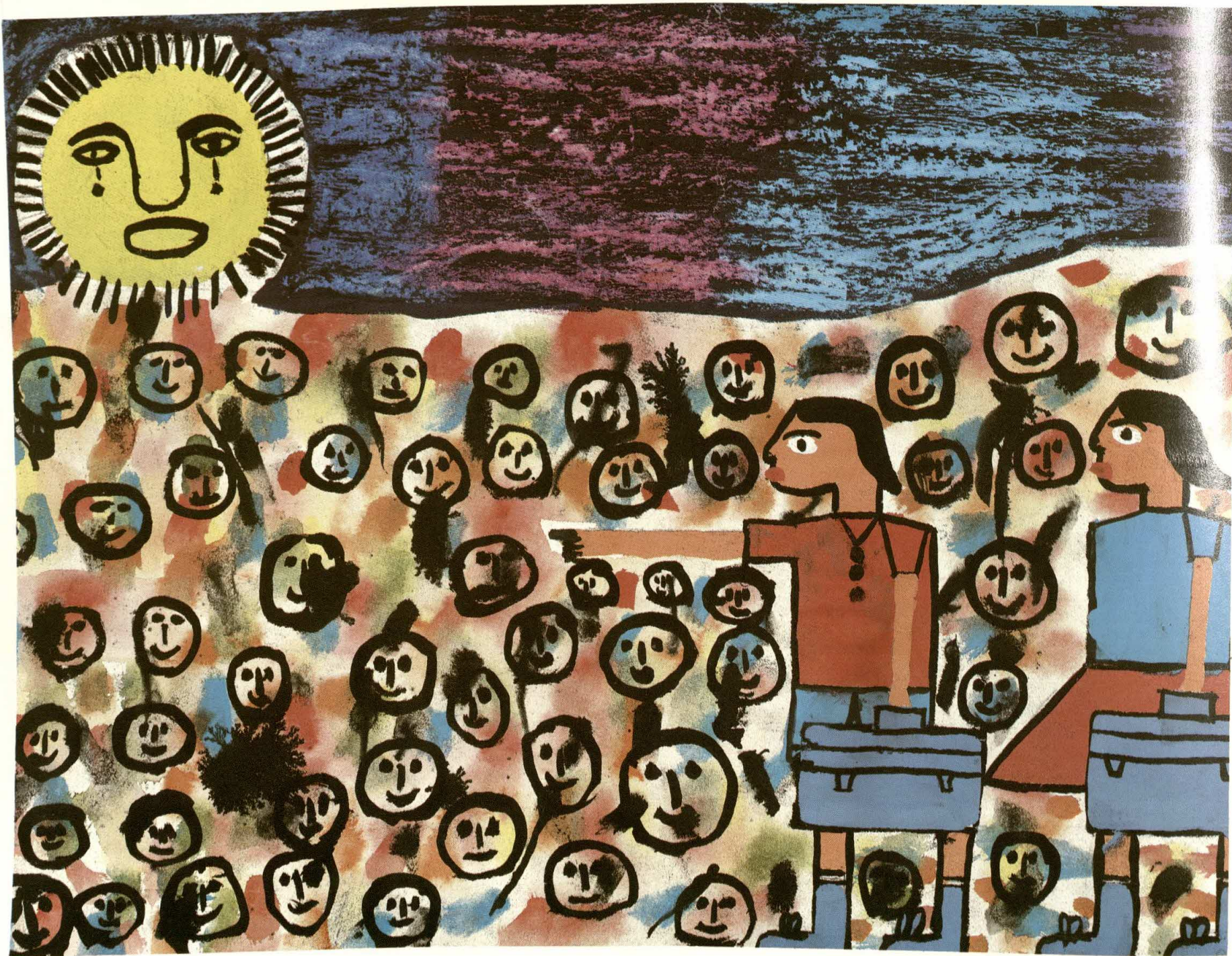
S. Sharma — 10 years
Prize winner

The Earth's eyes are full of people Its nose and mouth
are full of people Its face is covered from end to end
with people. Is this the end of the world ?

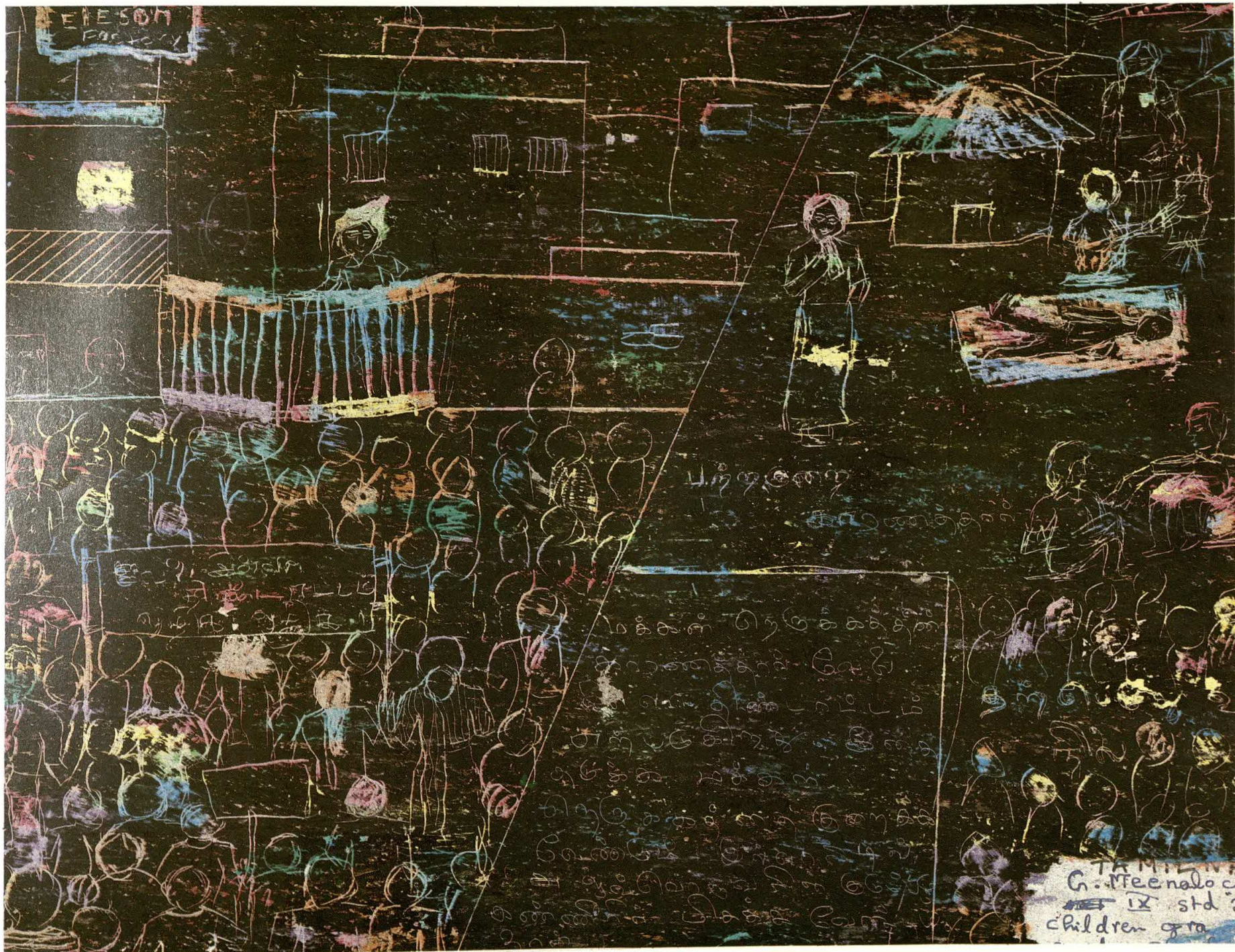


Hiran V. — 15 years

The bony skeleton of the future laughs at the folly of man



A. Mahindra
You ... all of you ... are to blame

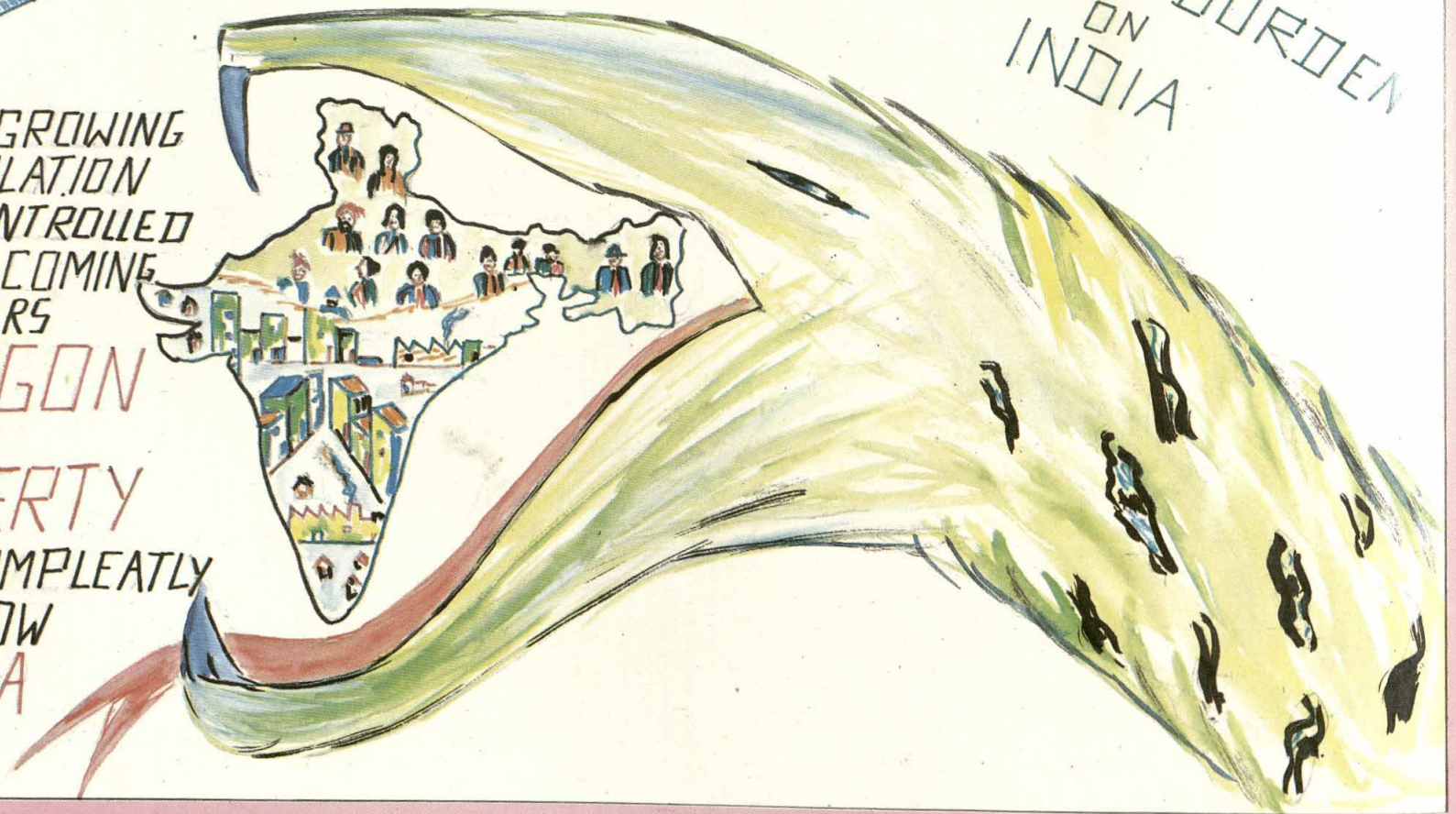


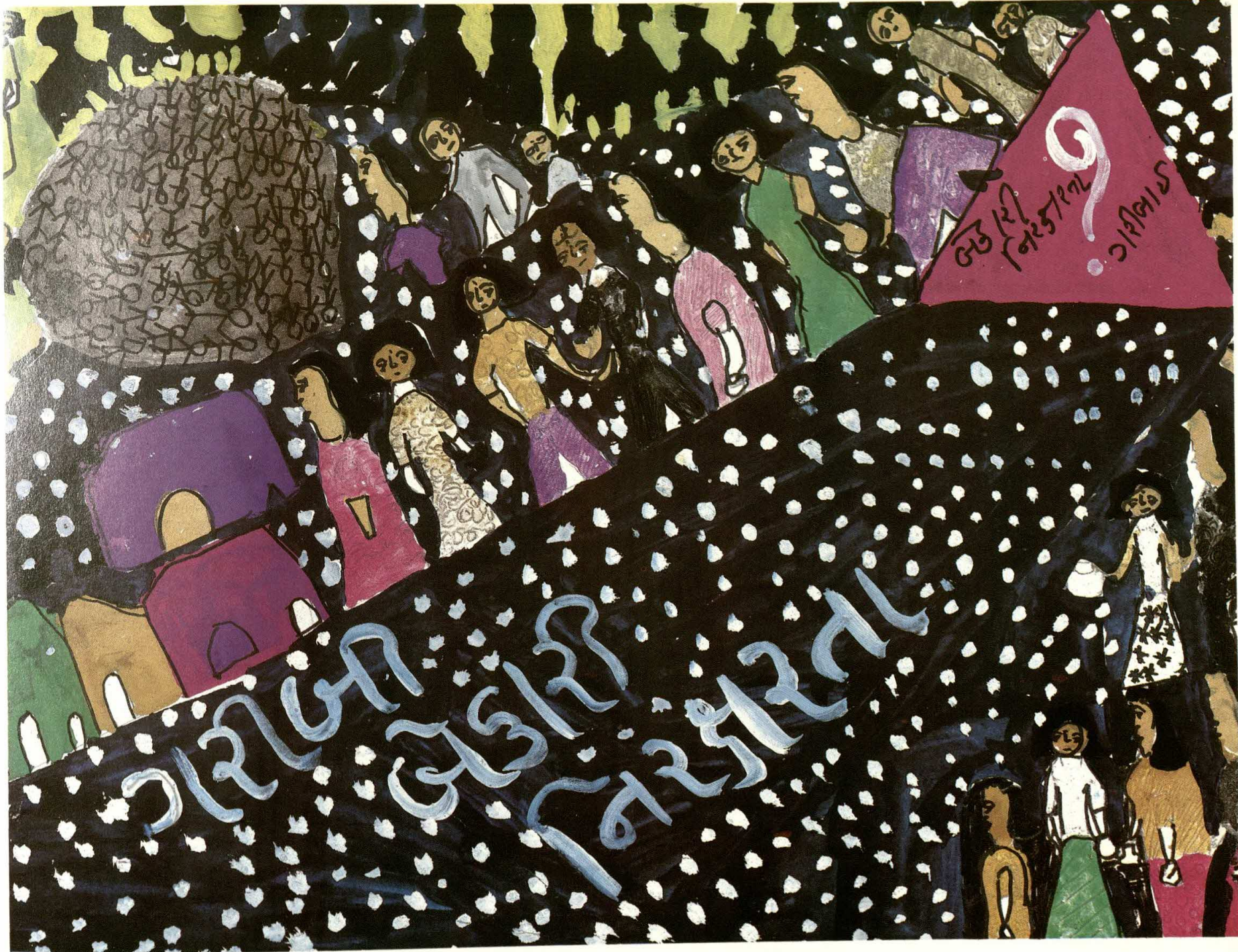
G. Meenalochani — 15 years
'Future shock'

GROWING POPULATION IS A GREAT BURDEN ON INDIA

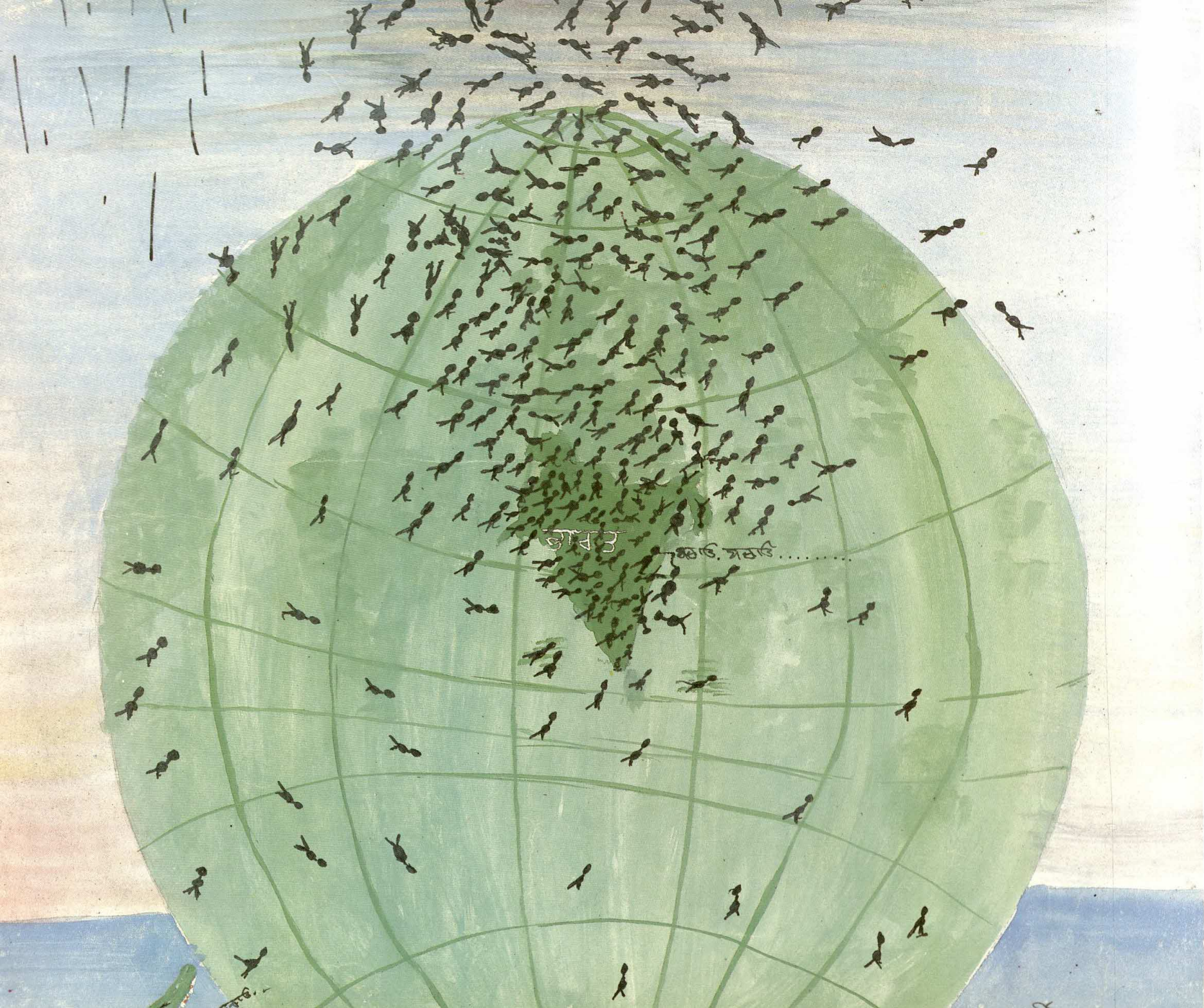
IF THIS GROWING
POPULATION
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THEN, IN COMING
20 YEARS

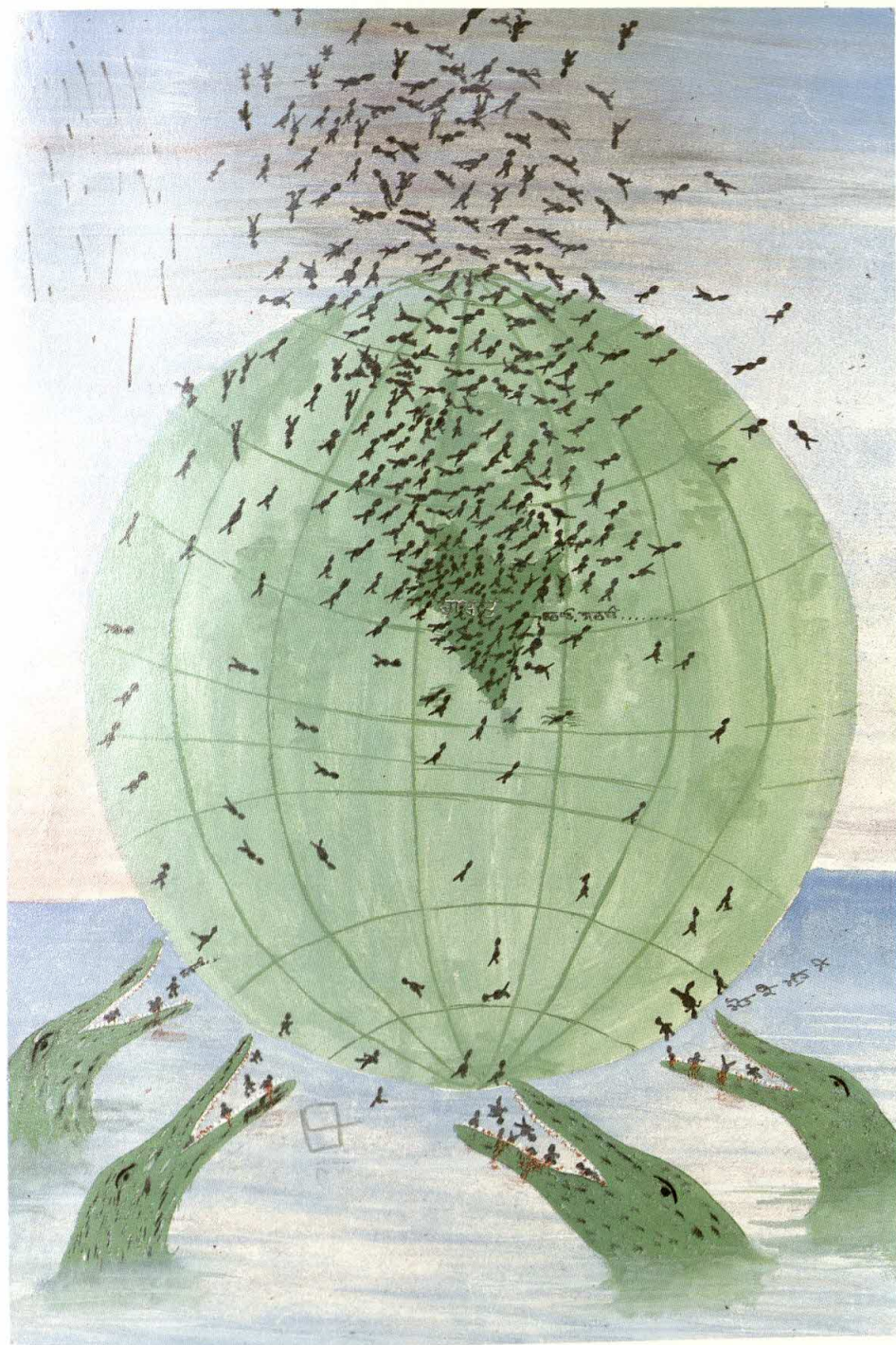
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INDIA





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Black, dark despair stares at me ...
What do I do ?



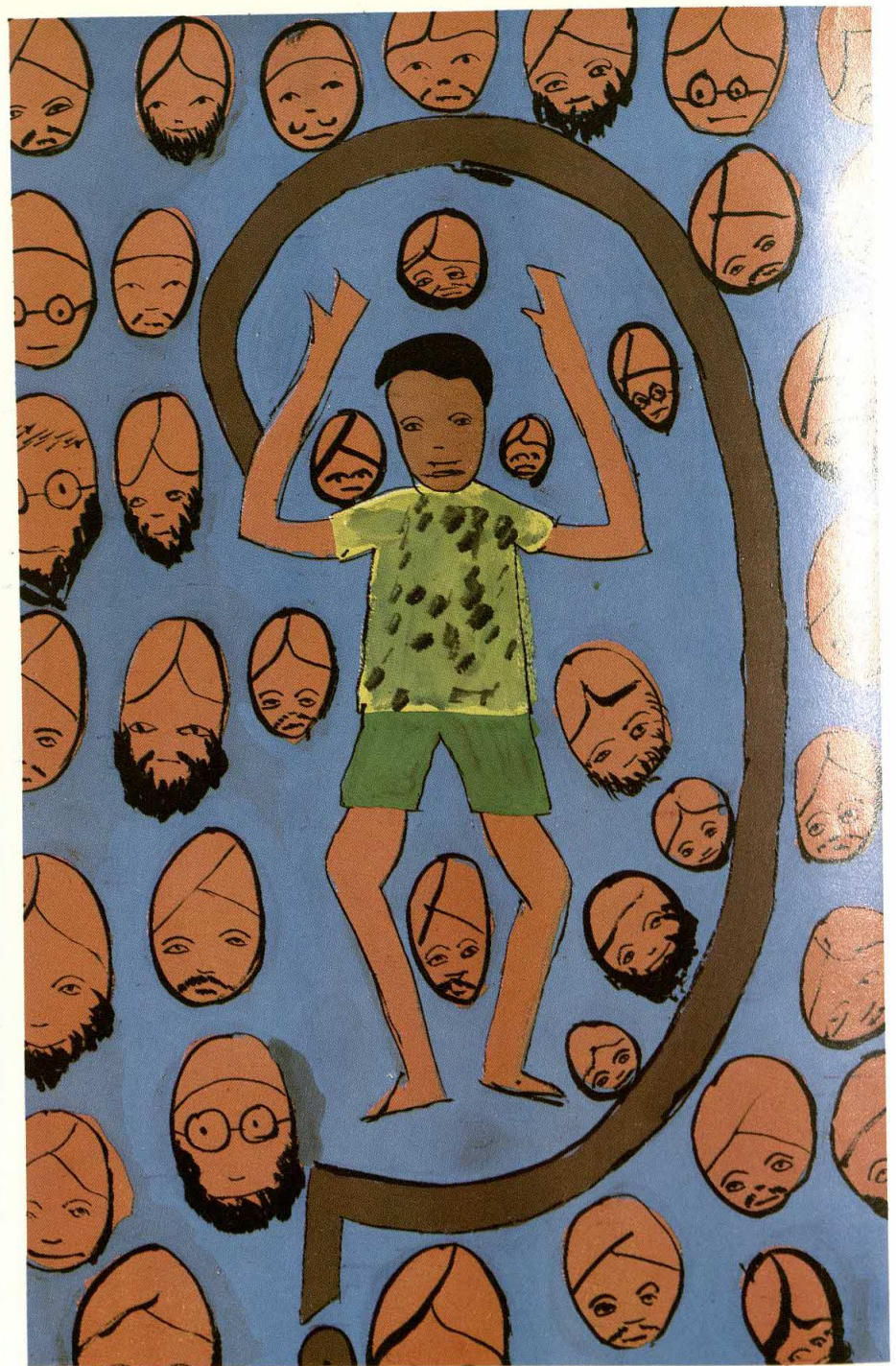


H. Singh — 16 years
India's had enough — and so has the world

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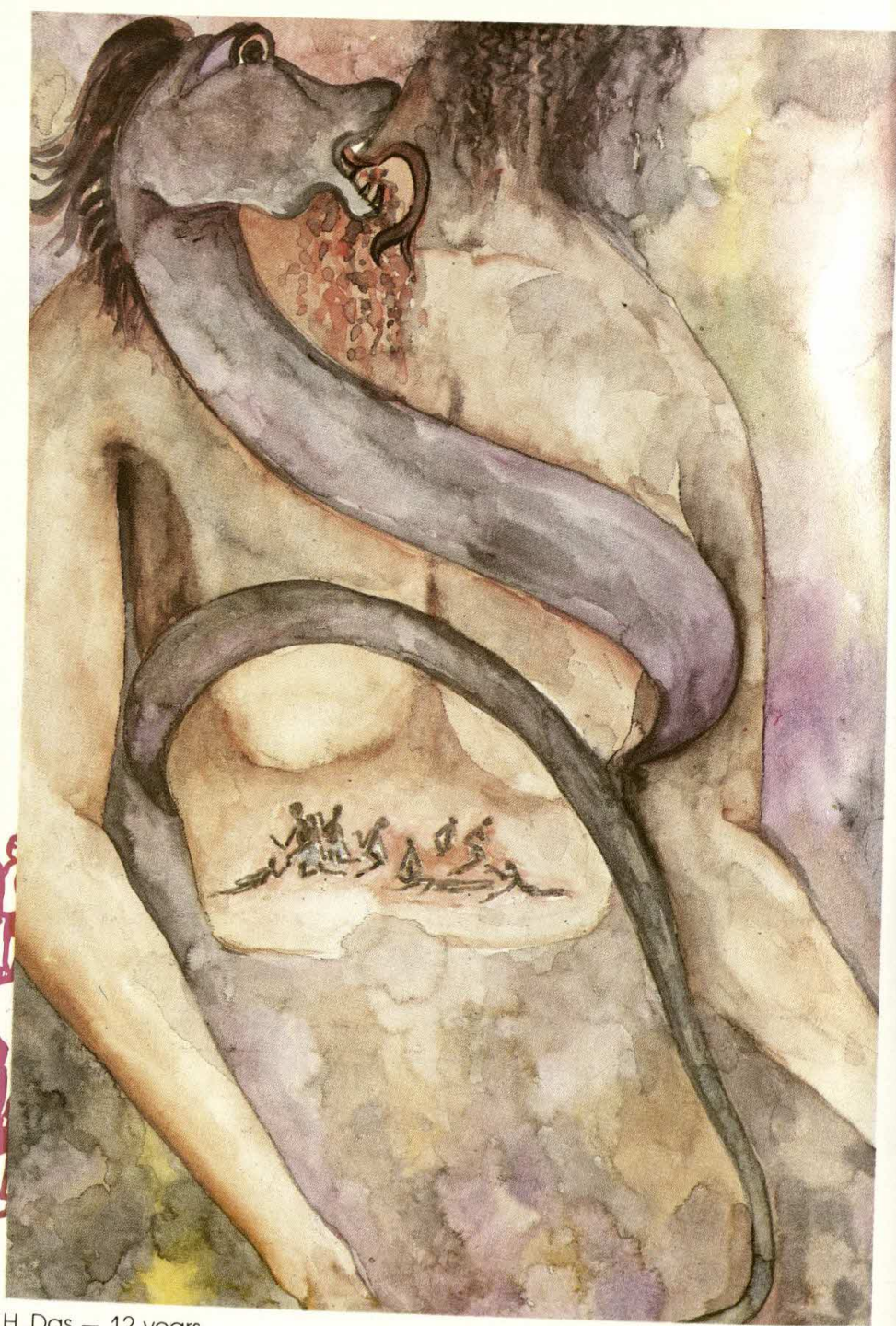
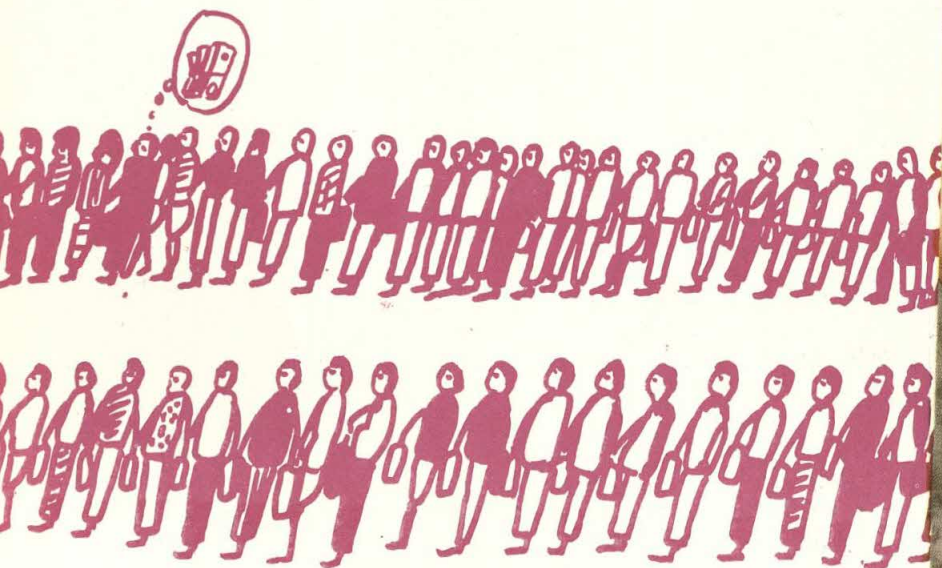
H. Sharma
When India looks like this —
where will my children be ?



Anonymous
How many more burdens will you leave behind ?



S. Bhatia — 10 years
"Help ! Help ! Save us !"

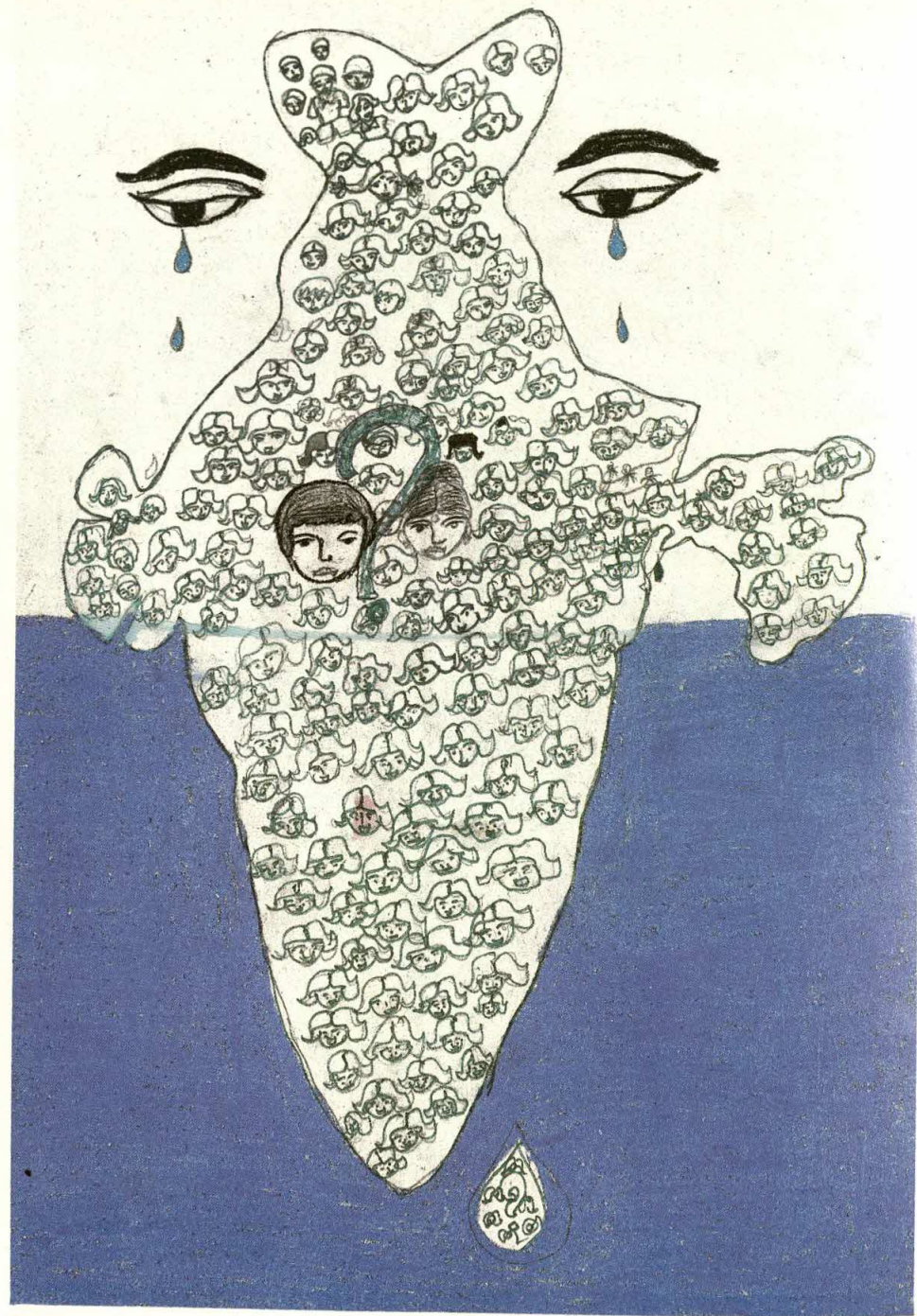


H. Das — 12 years

"The mother symbolises my country. The serpent is the monster of population ...
The people are the common people."



Shibu S.V. — 9 years
Can you, too, feel the weight of all these people ?



S.P. Panchal
Tears and a question ...
Is there hope for us ?

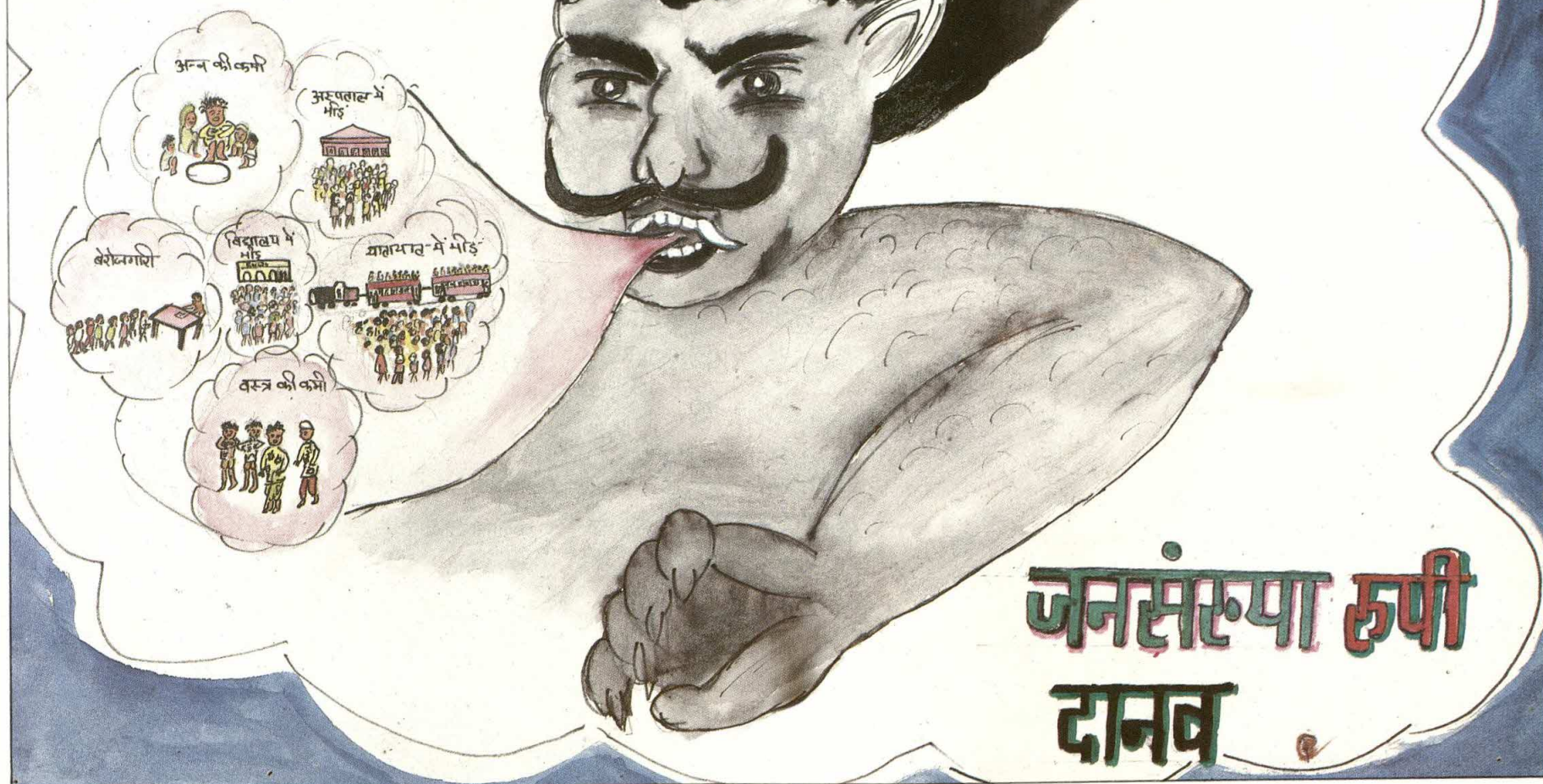


Anonymous
I see only tears, trouble and darkness all around



H. Vahiyani — 13 years
Hunger and bones for us ?

आज की स्थिति

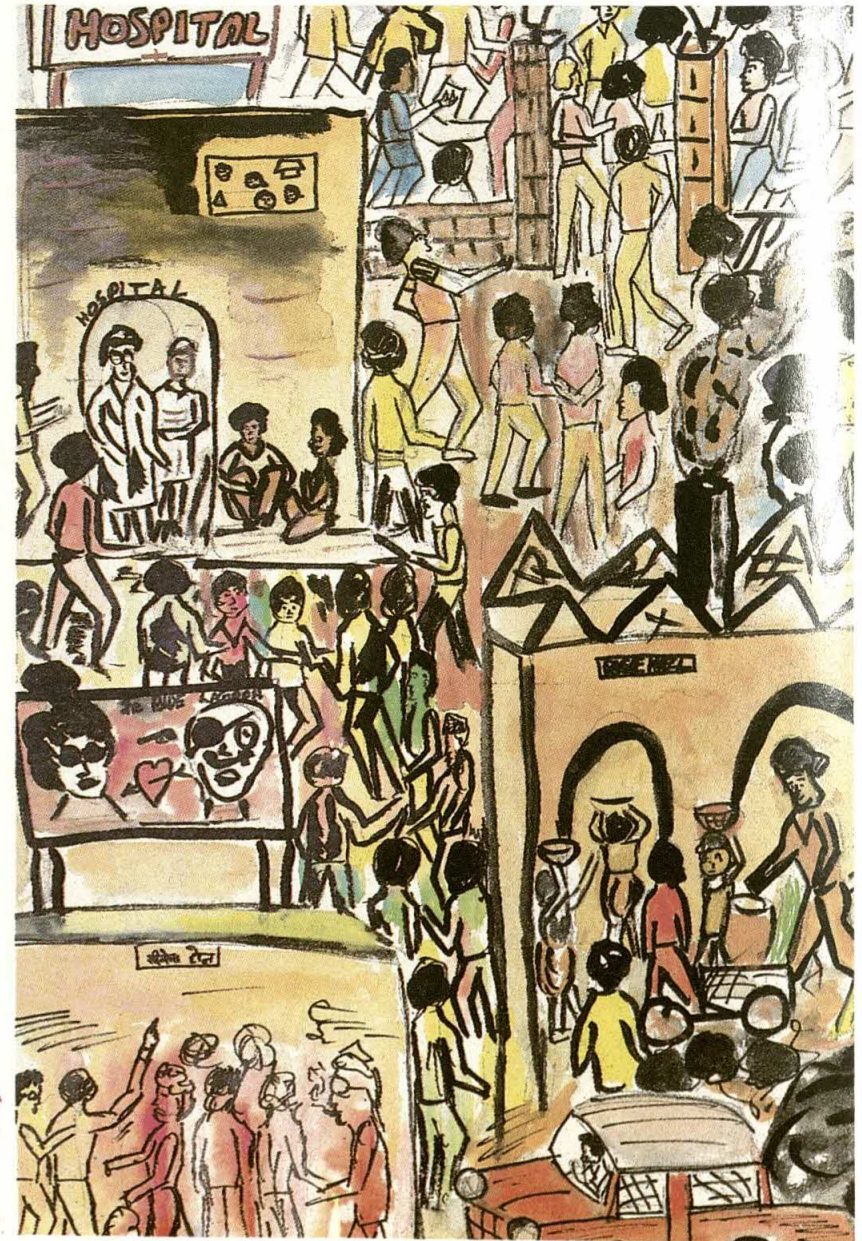


P. Kumar — 14 years

This dreadful demon is on his way

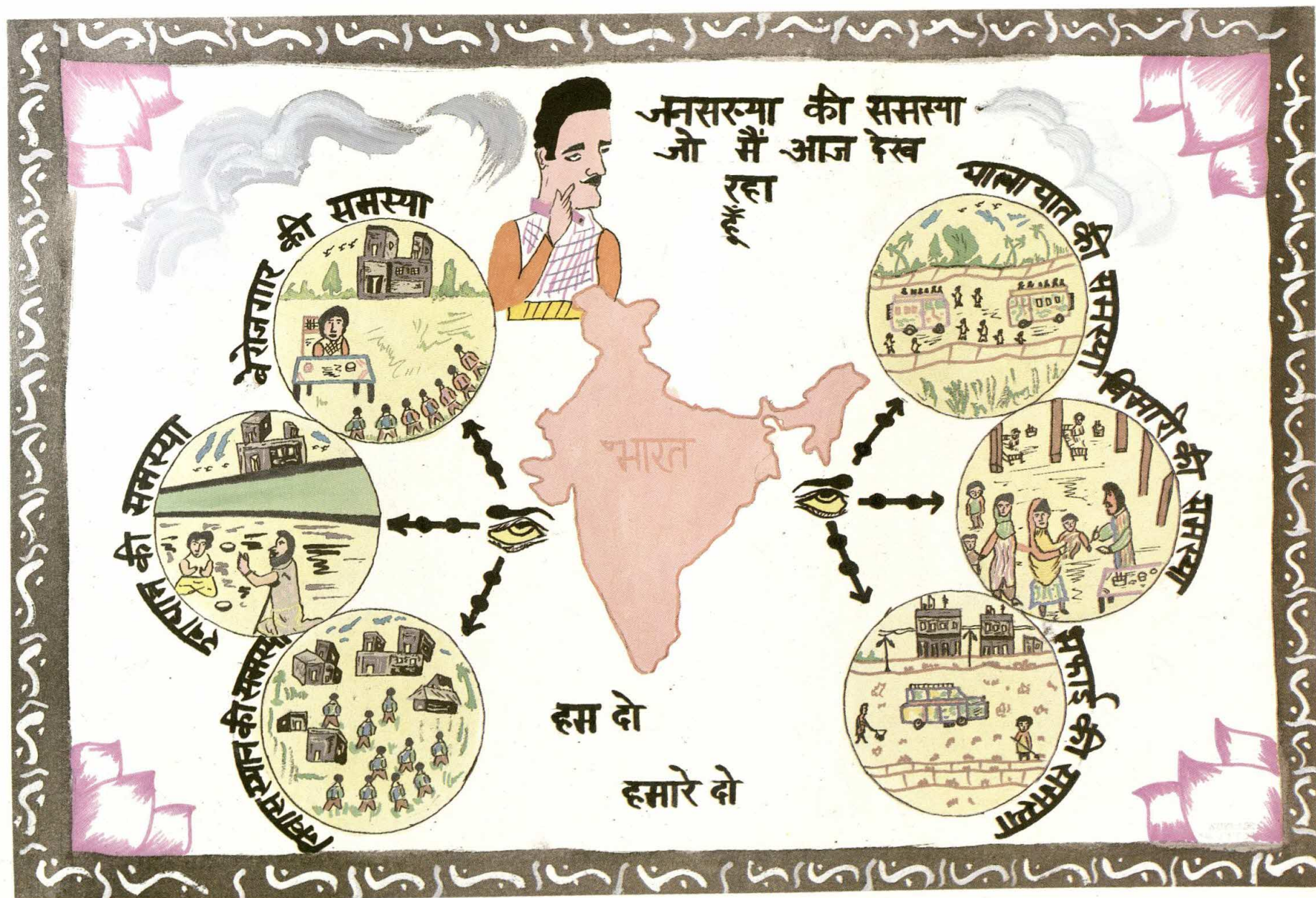
8 Basic needs

"Poverty and everything that it implies — insufficient food, inadequate housing, ill health, poor education, little comfort and less hope — has complex connections with population growth."



R.K. Mittal
Prize winner

Smoke, pain and panic everywhere ...
Do you have a cure ?



M. Singh — 14 years

"We're two ...
and we have two"

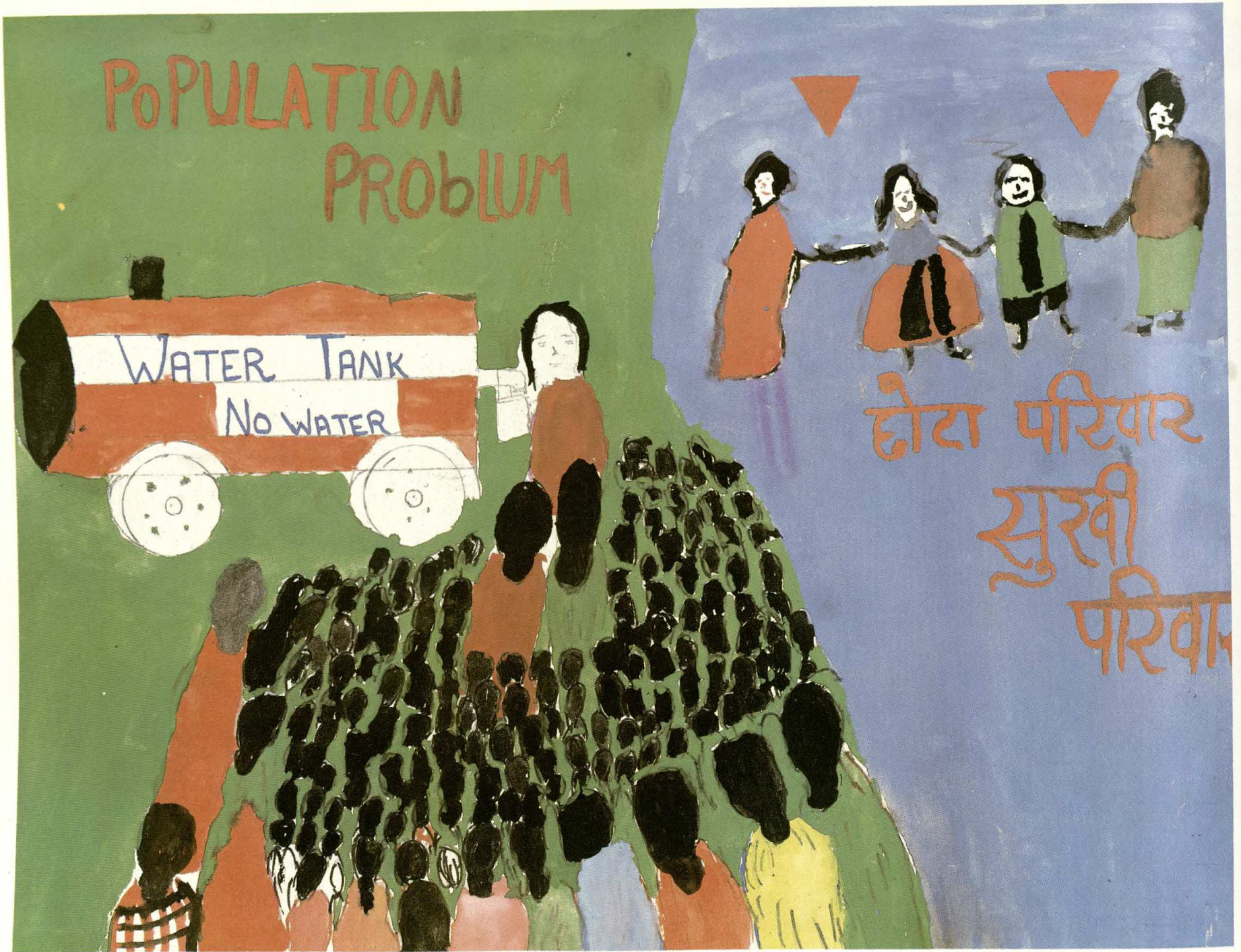
Go out
to play

Mammy, where's
Place to Play



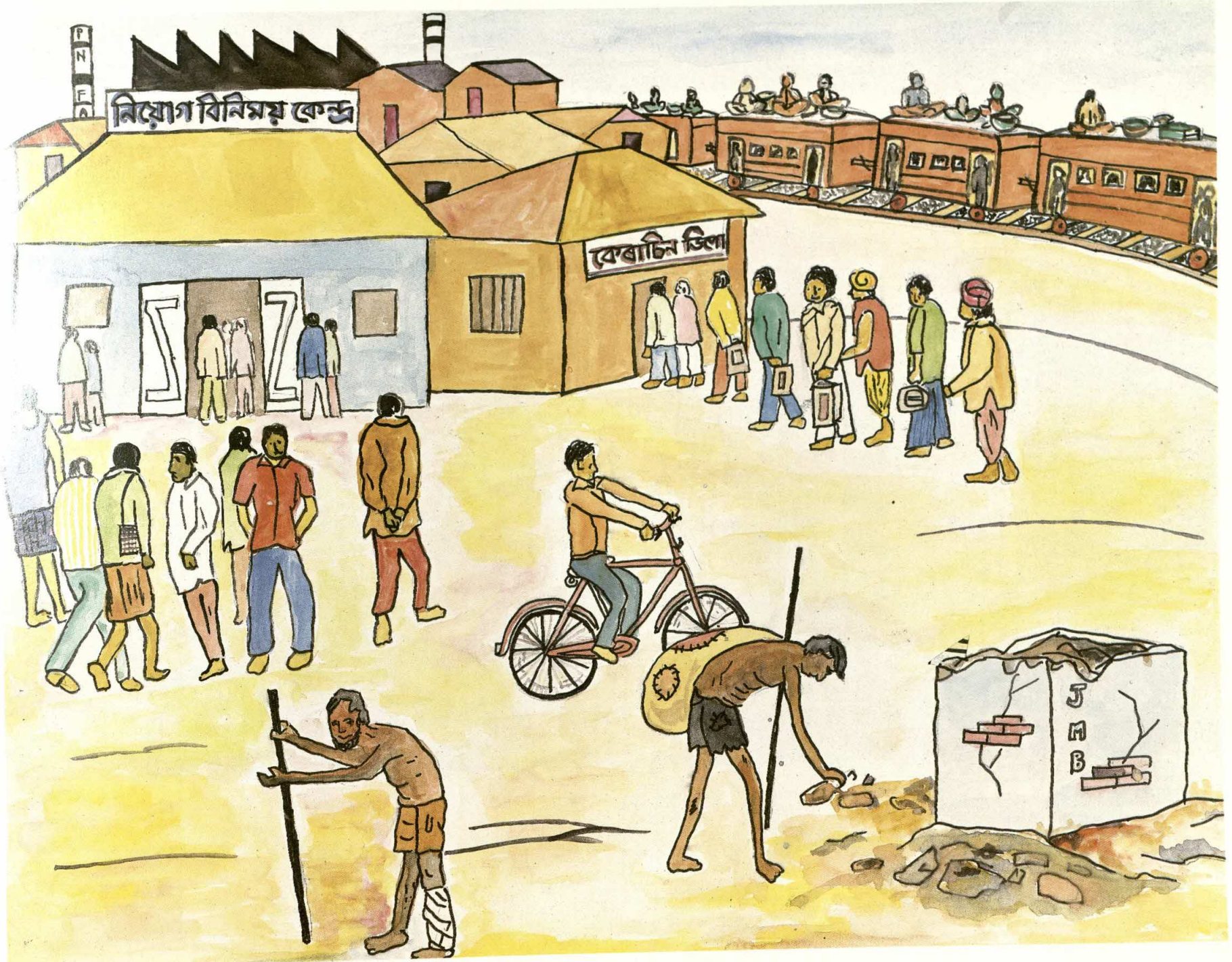


Mamta — 14 years
Mother: "Go out to play..."
Child: "But Mummy — where is the place to play?"



K. Kapur — 14 years

Who can quench the thirst of so many?



S. Data — 11 years
Can someone teach me to smile ?

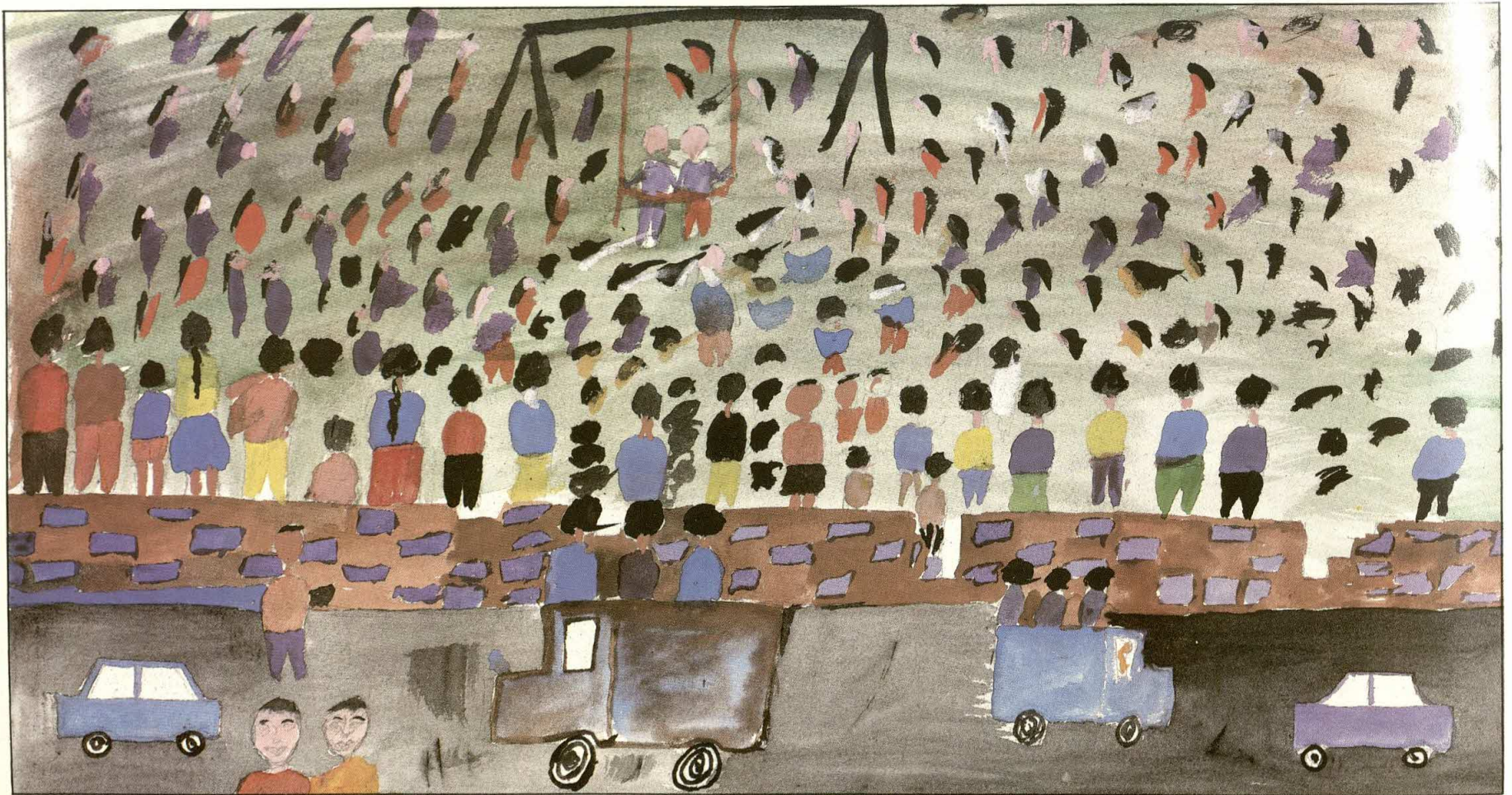
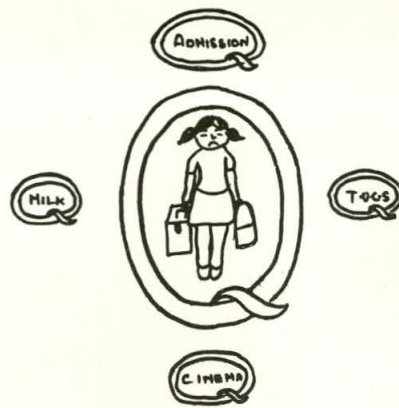


J.M. Rizvi — 15 years
Prize winner

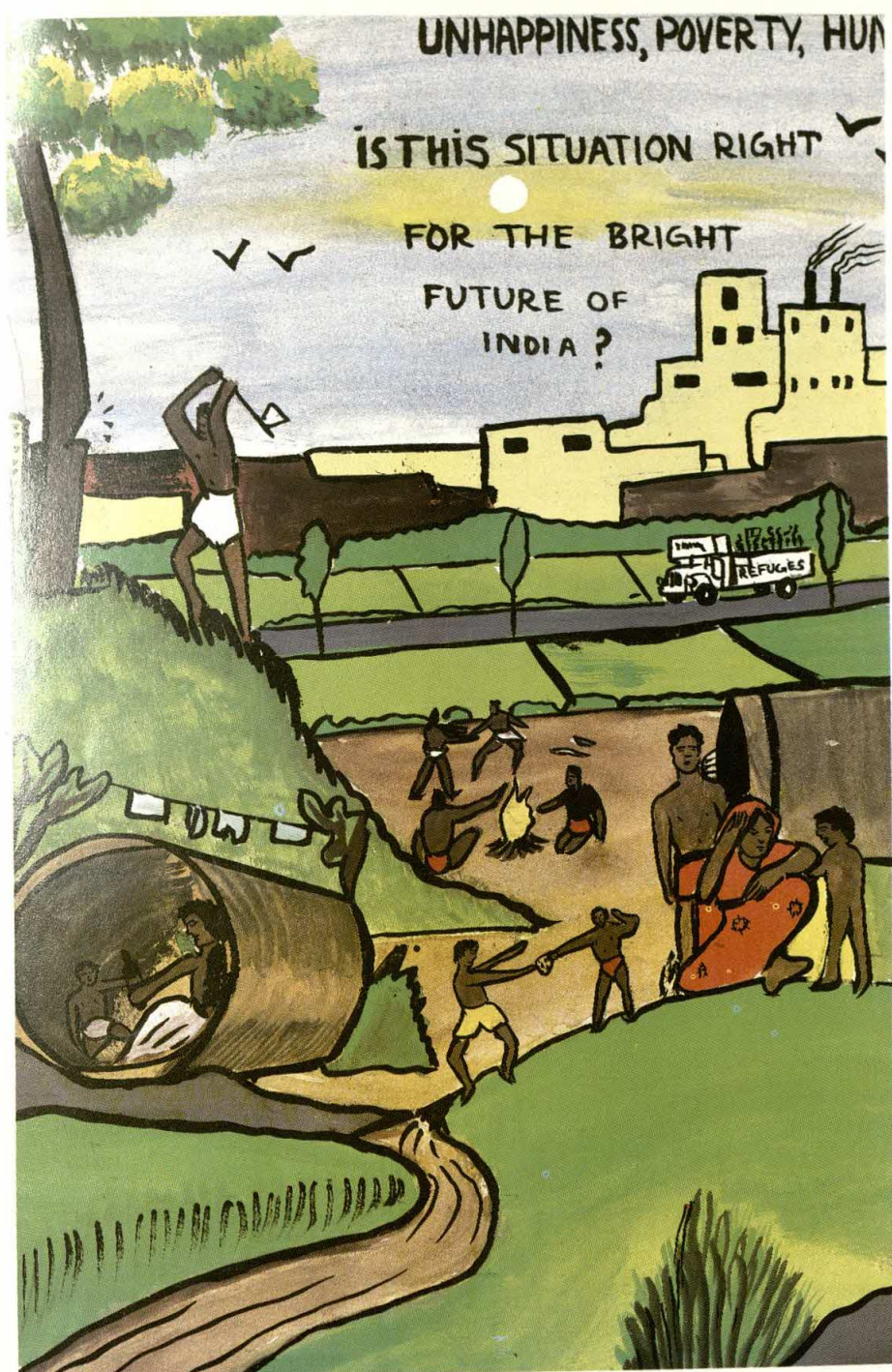
And still we grow, we multiply ...
as day by day our resources come to an end



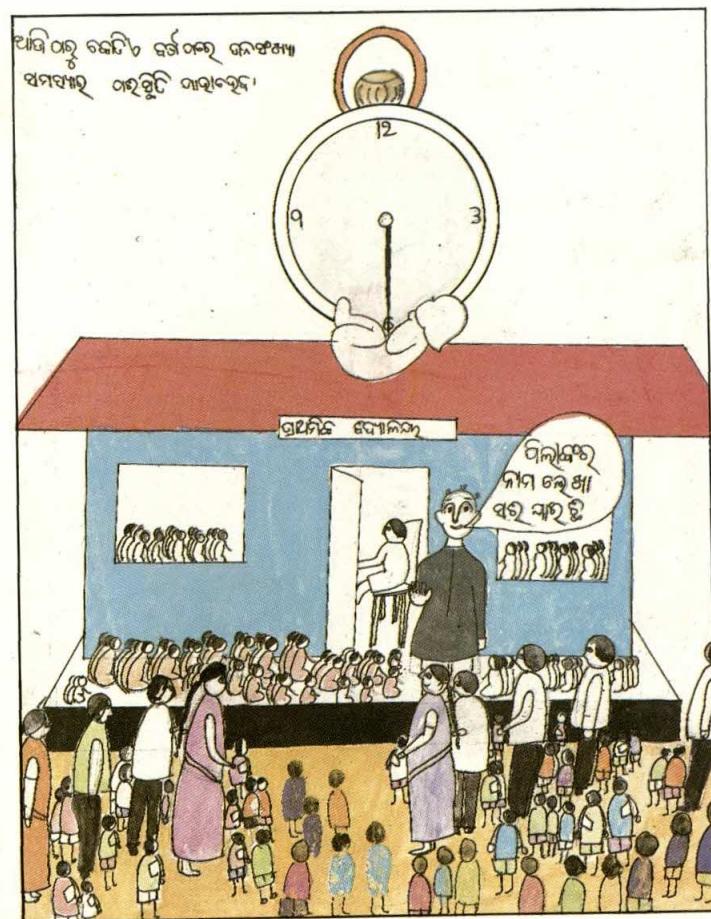
T. Kaur — 10 years
After the patches tear away ...
What will we have to wear ?



Anonymous
Just one swing ... and hundreds who wait to swing ?



S.S. Sachdeva — 12 years
More people to bring closer a bleak future



R. Mallik — 14 years
Can anyone realise the need of the hour?



P.J. Kumar — 15 years

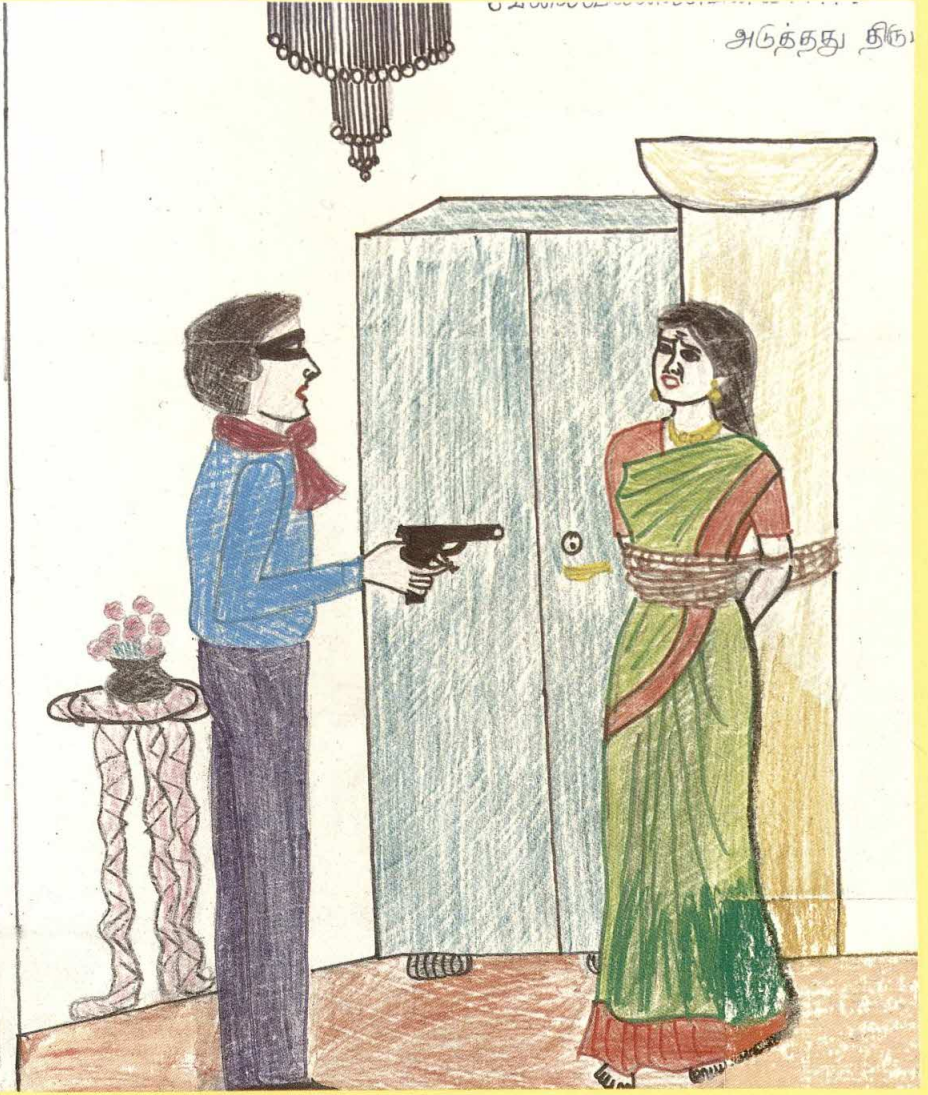
Even the basics for our survival will become an impossible dream



N. Khan — 13 years
And a time will come when disease
will swamp our lives

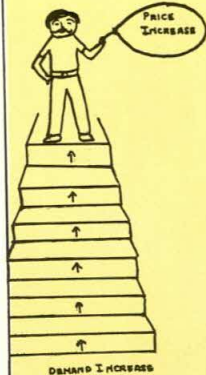
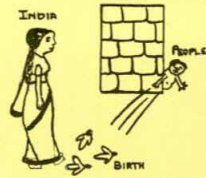


T.R. Rajesh
When love becomes despair ...
and only survival remains



S. Jayashree — 14 years
People do this to people ... then why are so many born ?

EVIL EFFECTS OF POPULATION



POVERTY



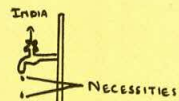
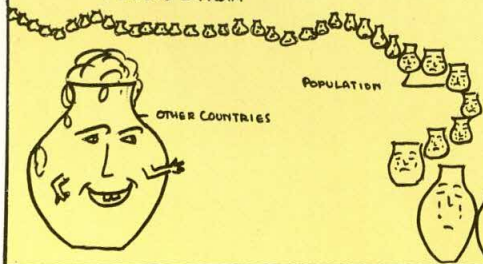
ADMISSION



TOGS

CINEMA

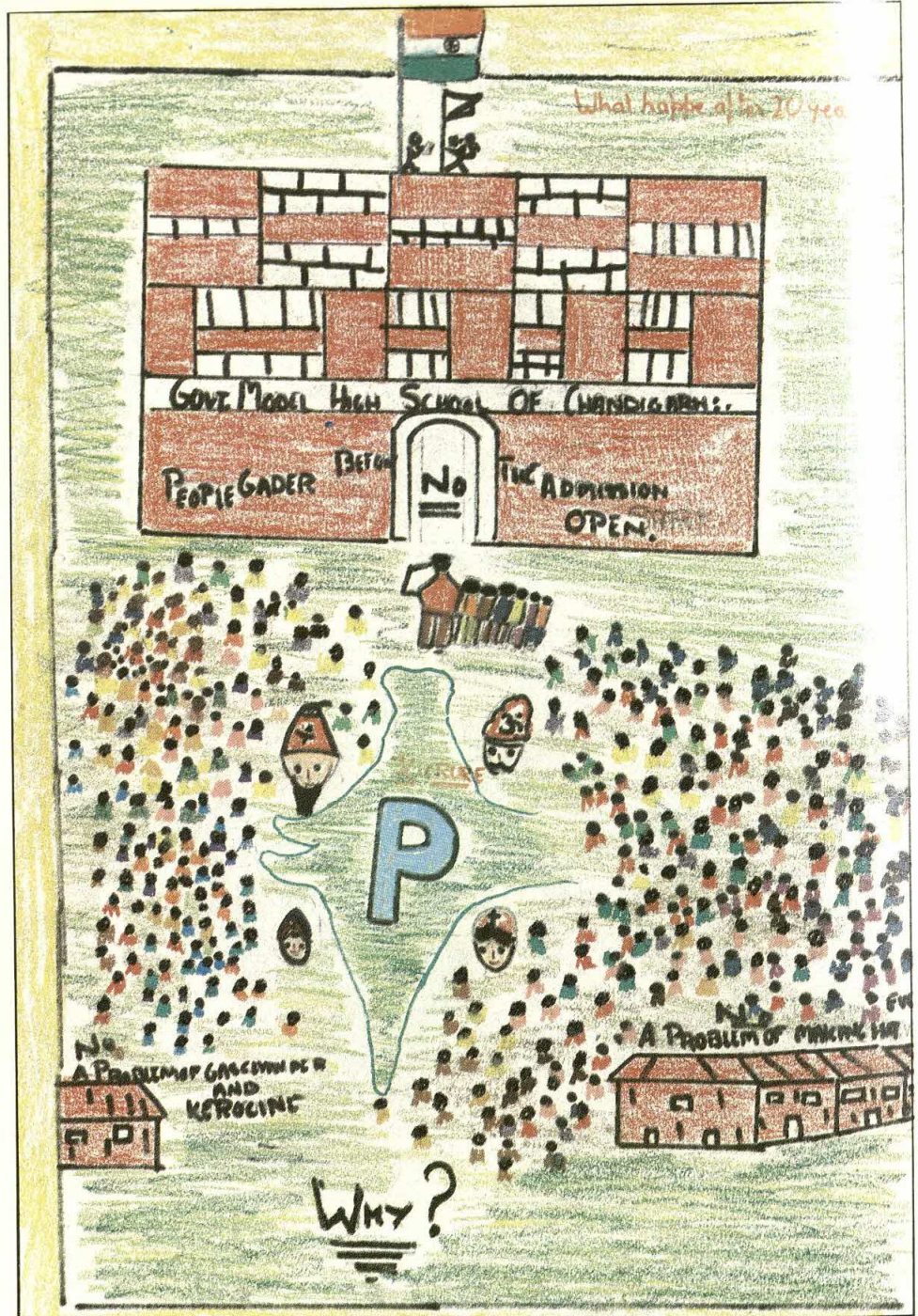
FUTURE INDIA



K.V. Satya
STD: III
ROSAARY MATRIC
MADRAS - 4

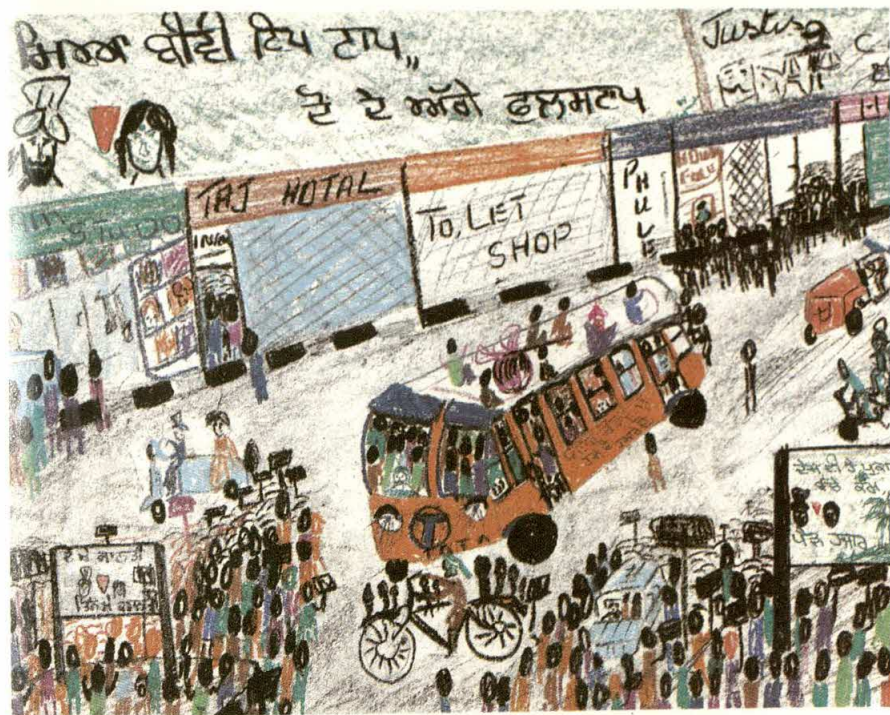
K.V. Satya Devi — 13 years

Not even a drop of water will remain in our land

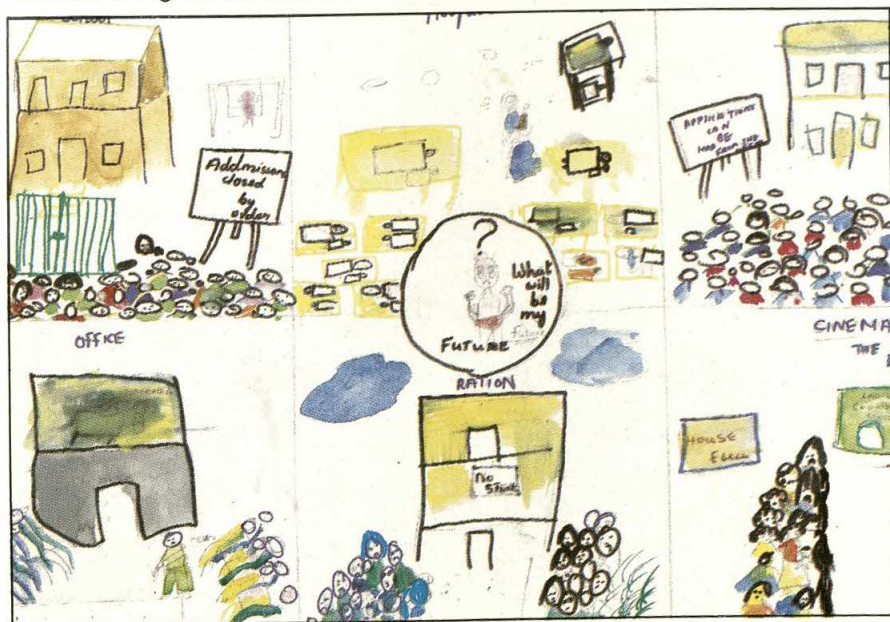


J. Duggal — 12 years

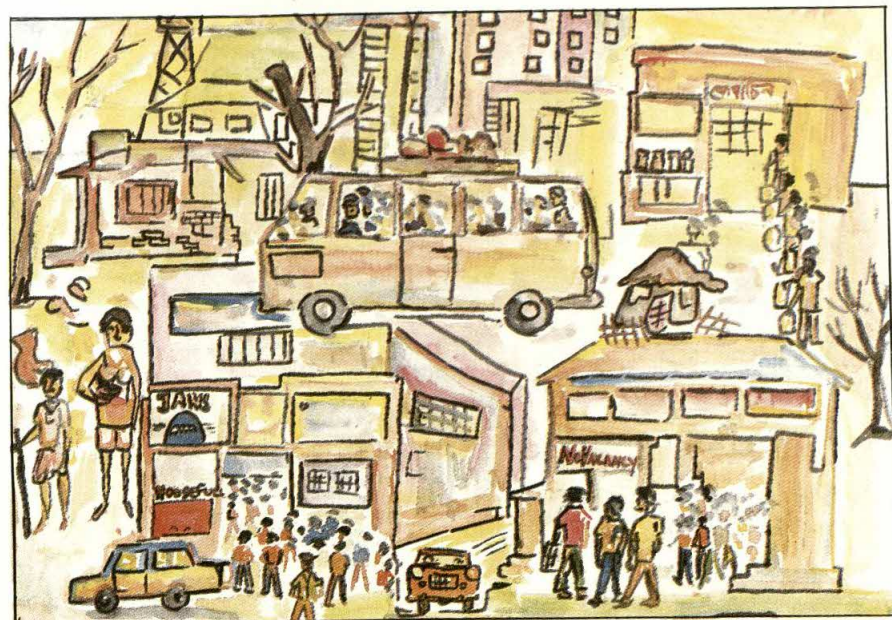
Why can't we all do something now ?



G.S. Virk — 10 years
Crowds, congestion, accidents — is there no other way ?



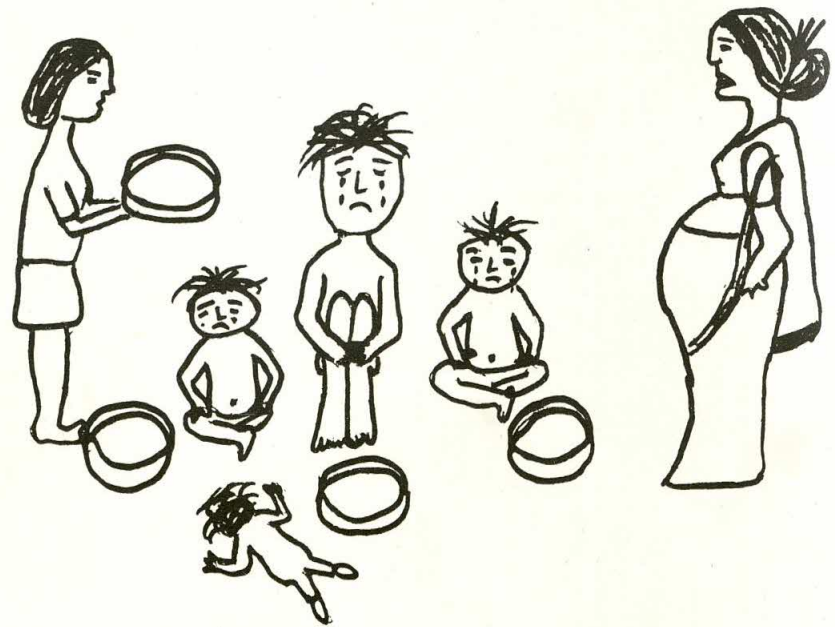
K. Narasimhan — 8 years
"What will be my future?"



P. Bora — 11 years
No vacancy anywhere ... it's the 21st century

9 Basic needs — food

"Population growth continuously generates an increasing demand for a variety of goods and services. Most of these goods such as food grains, fishery products, wood, minerals, water and energy are the results of the exploitation of natural resources."



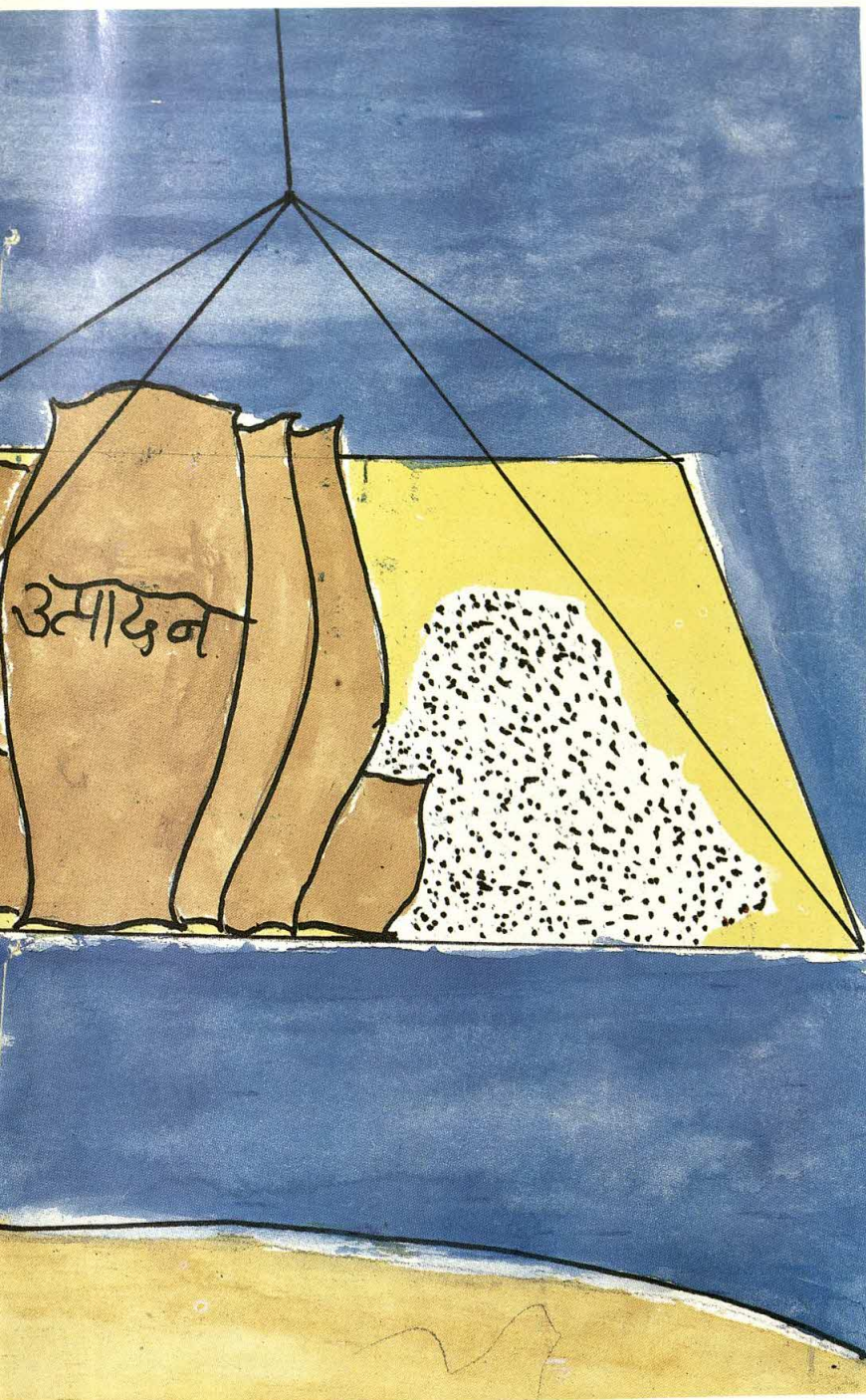


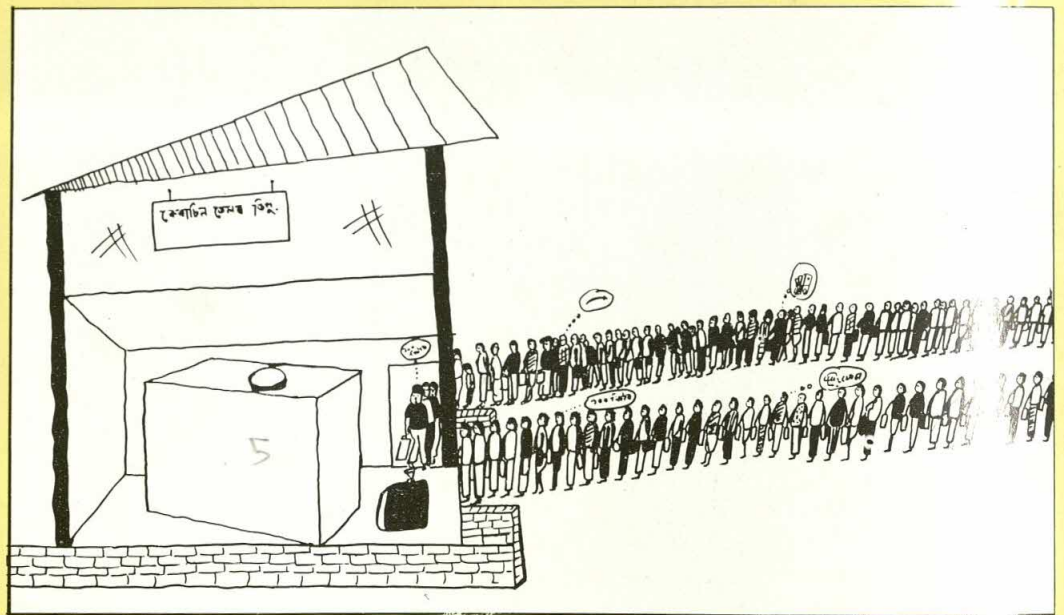
S. Jena — 11 years
One loaf of bread ... for hundreds ?



S. Gupta — 12 years

"A thought to consider : more people, less food"





P.K. Borah — 14 years
The waiting that is endless...
the queue without an end



B. Mehanta — 15 years
No end to people ... no end to their starvation



R. Mehta — 14 years

... and day by day the shops will have less and less to sell



N. Dubey
Can't you see ... fewer people means a larger share ?

INCREASE

THIS

NOT

THIS



M. Nigam — 14 years

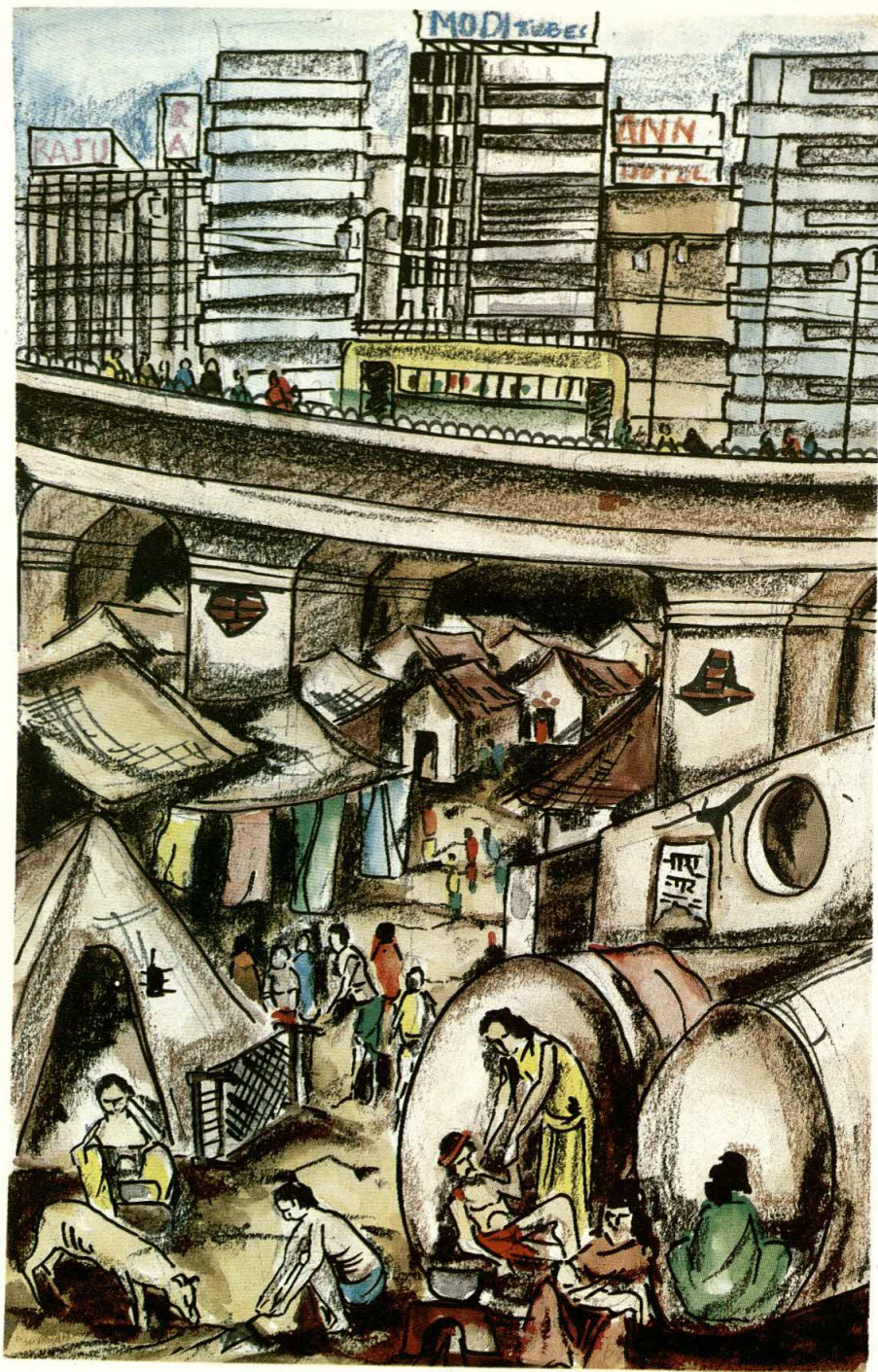
We need to increase our resources — not our people

10 Basic needs — housing

"...the social tensions arising out of population pressures will permeate every aspect of the quality of life on earth ...

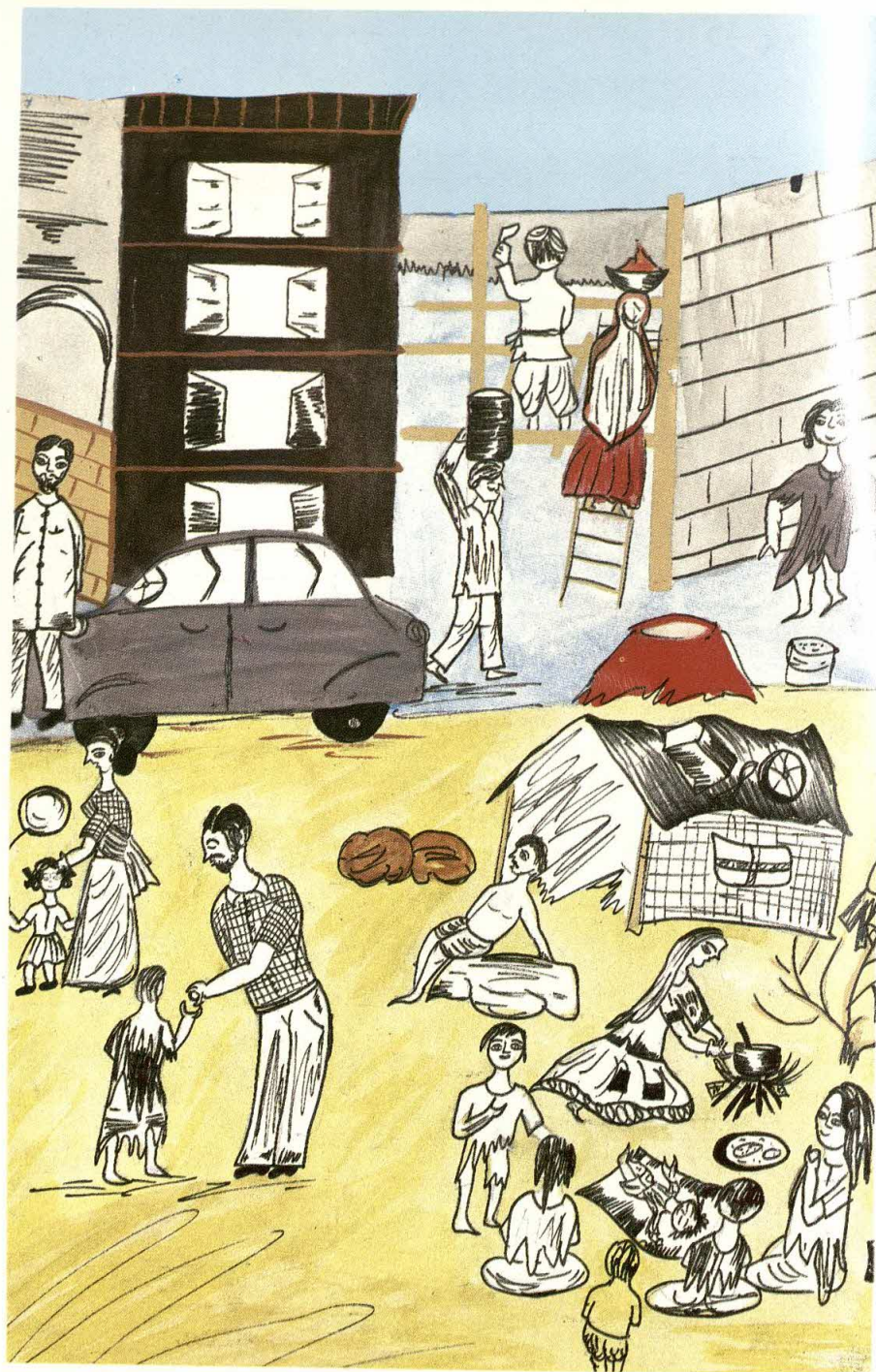
Social consequences of overcrowding...have already led to increase in crime and violence in the over-populated metropolitan centres of the world."





S. Mukherji — 15 years
Prize winner

"More and more people ... mean a greater shortage"



M. Sharma — 15 years

Together we can change this —
if we care enough to start now

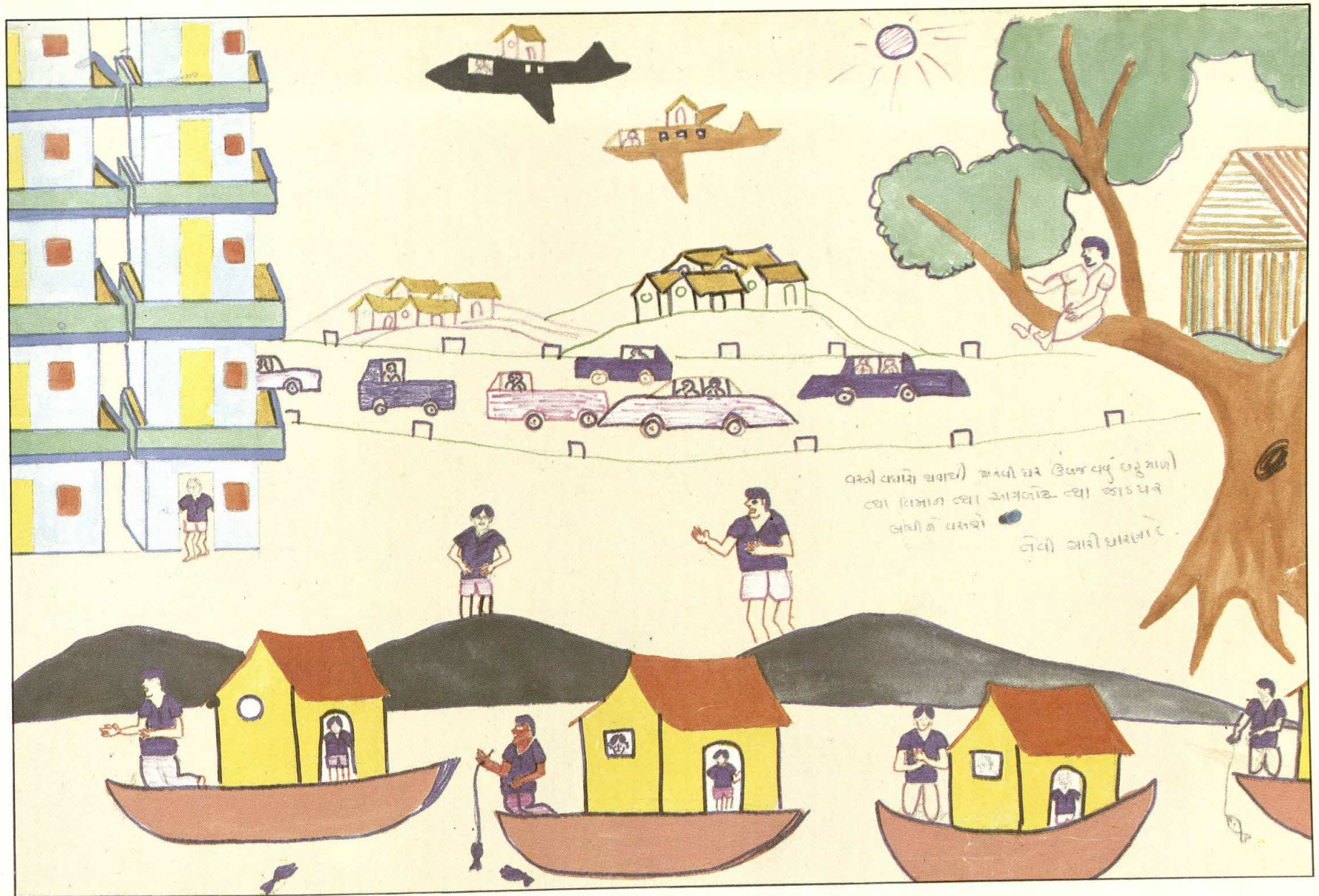


P.K. Sajjani — 13 years
When the trees and seas are crowded ...
Where else will we go ?



B. Ghosh — 15 years

Why should anyone live in the debris of today's generation ?



K.D. Suthar

The land, the sky, the water and trees — all are crowded with people everywhere



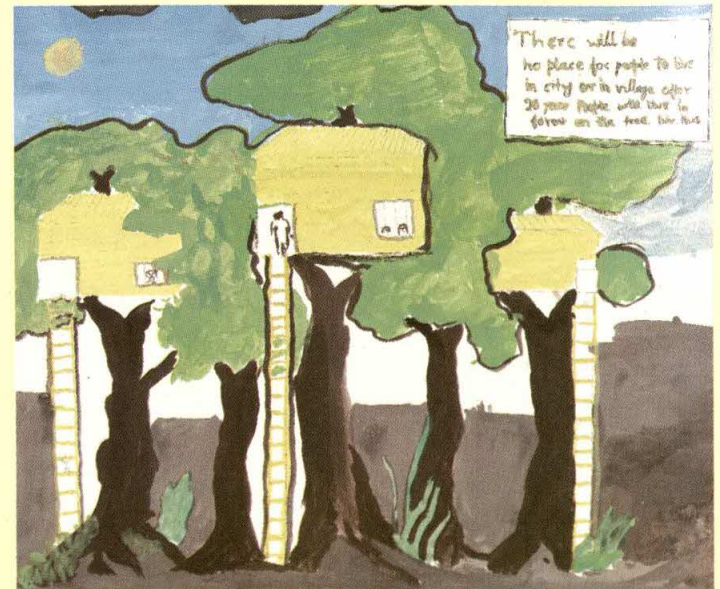
Simran Jit — 12 years

"Why are you coming up and up", says the sun,
"control your over-population!"



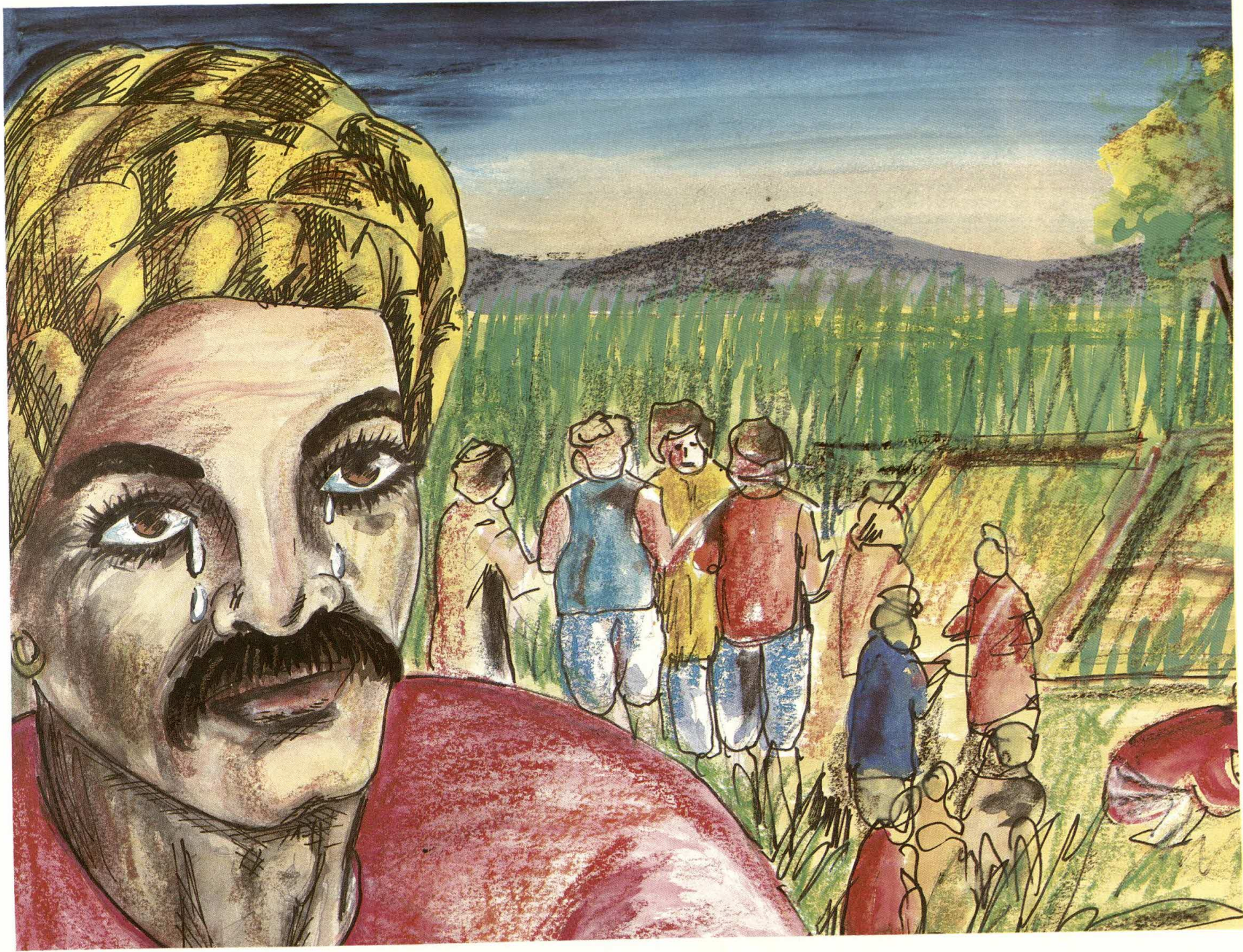
A.H. Dudhani

Look ! It's the homeless generation of tomorrow



S. Lal—13 years

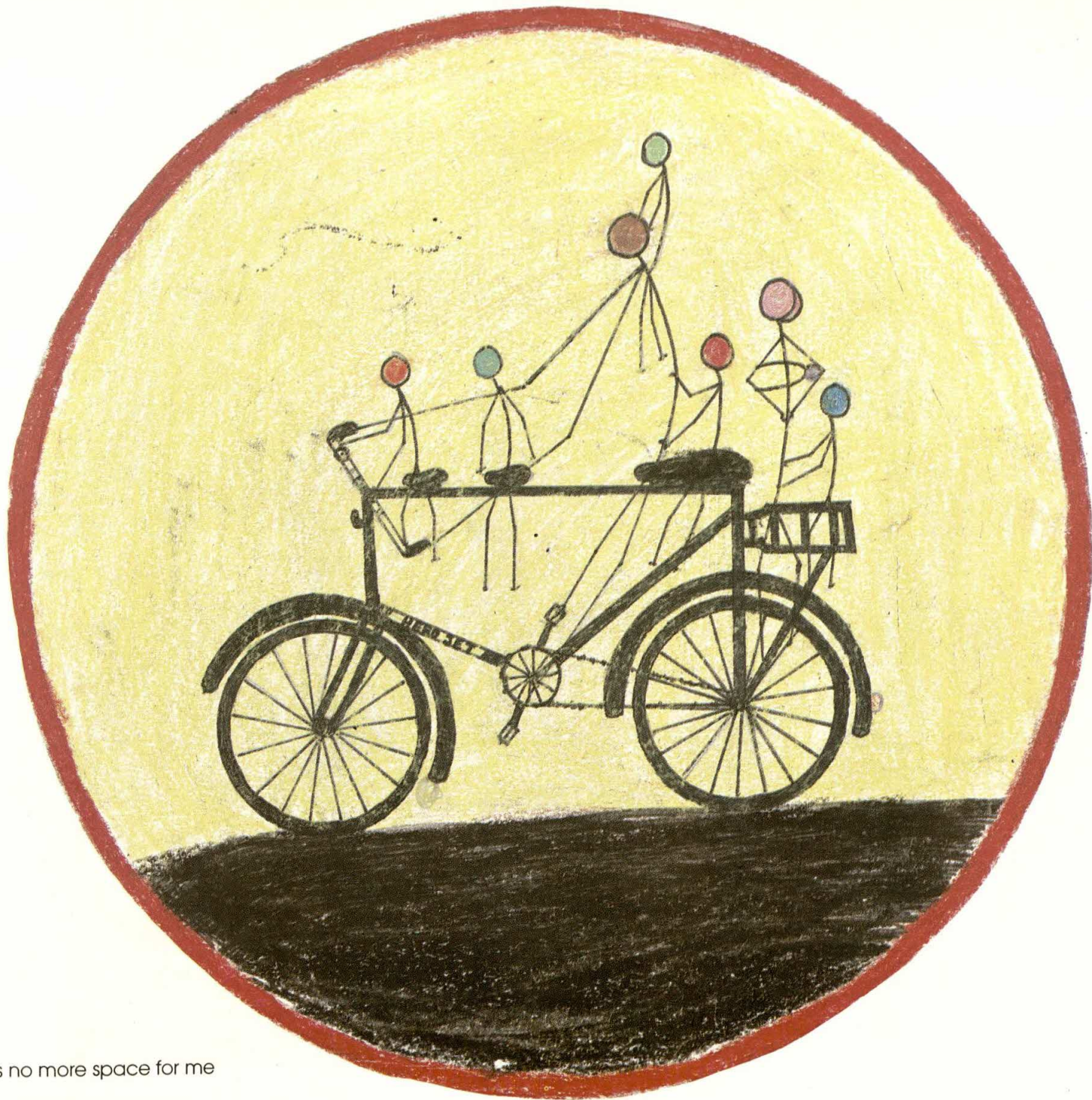
High-up on the tree-tops ... will I find a shelter ?



M. Kumar — 17 years
The land is shrinking — my family is homeless

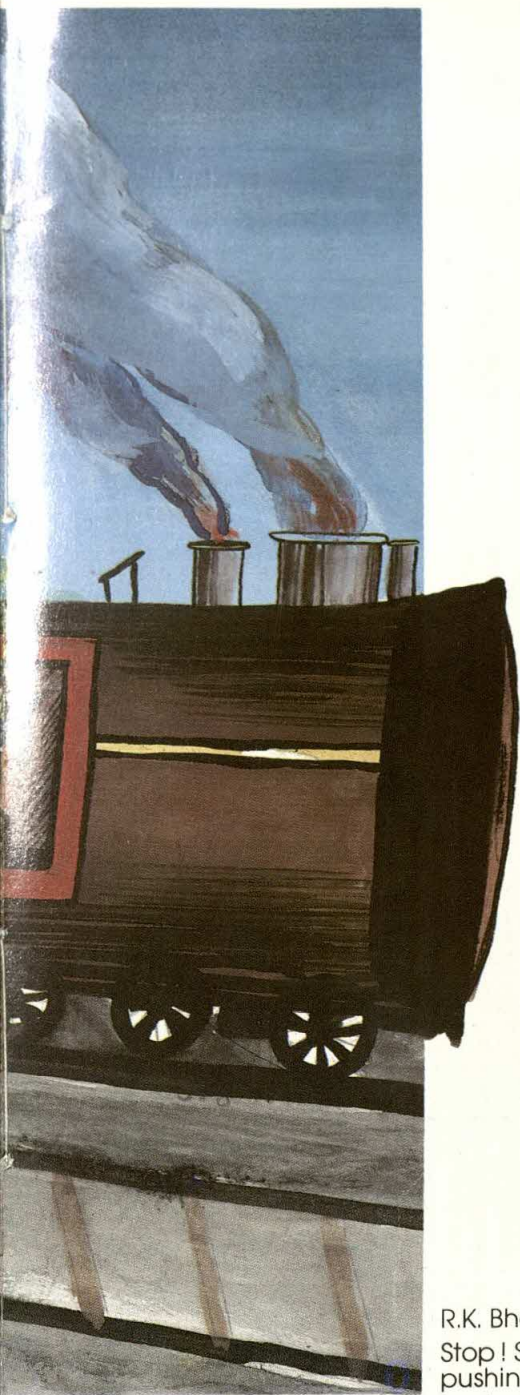
11 Basic needs — transport

“...population growth is a problem only when resources cannot meet the needs of the people, and that by definition, it is as much a problem of regulating the use of resources as it is of regulating birth.”



R. Kumar — 11 years
I'm on his shoulder — there's no more space for me





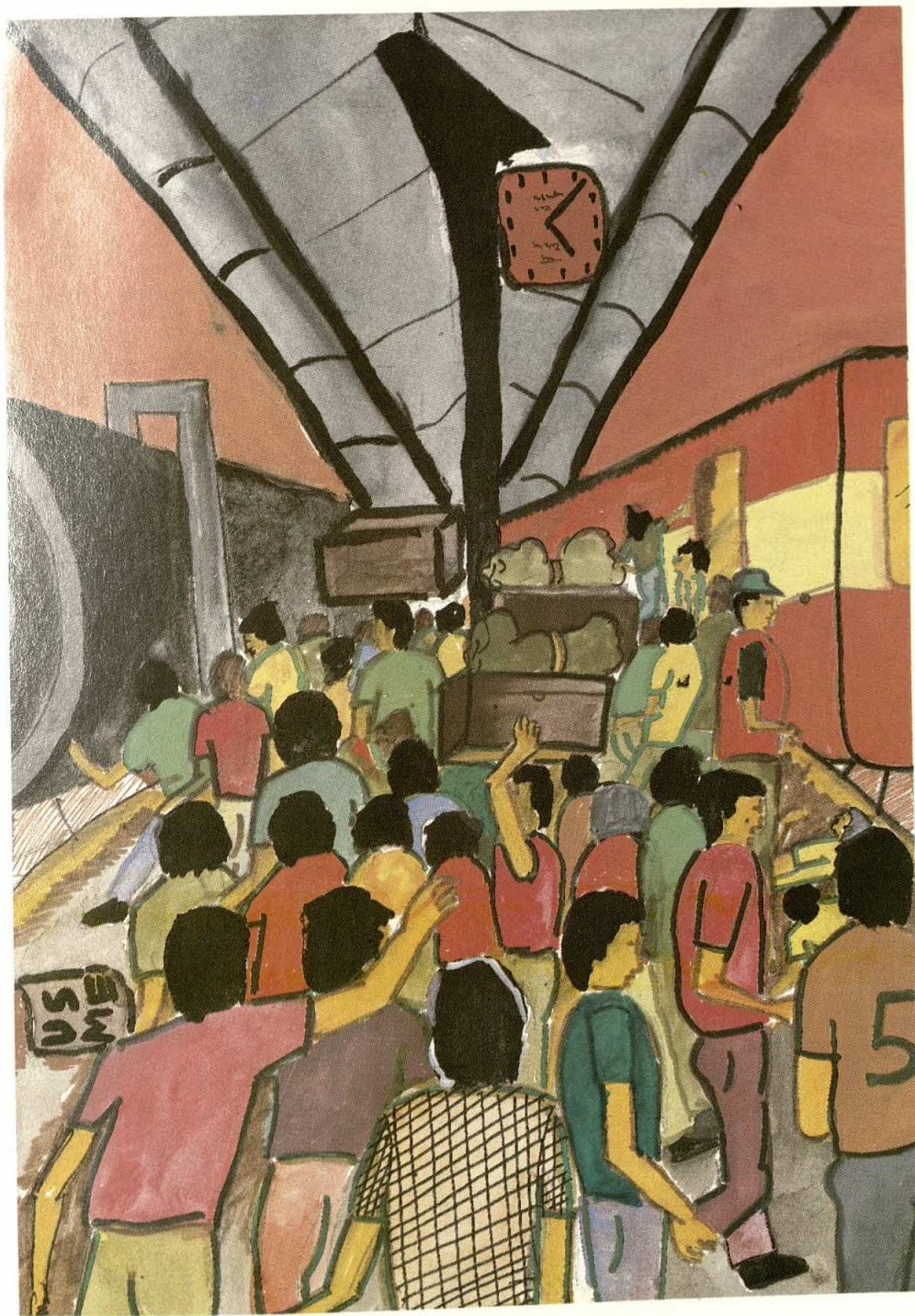
R.K. Bharti — 12 years
Stop ! Stop ! All the people in the train are pulling,
pushing, falling out of doors

POPULATION OF A CITY



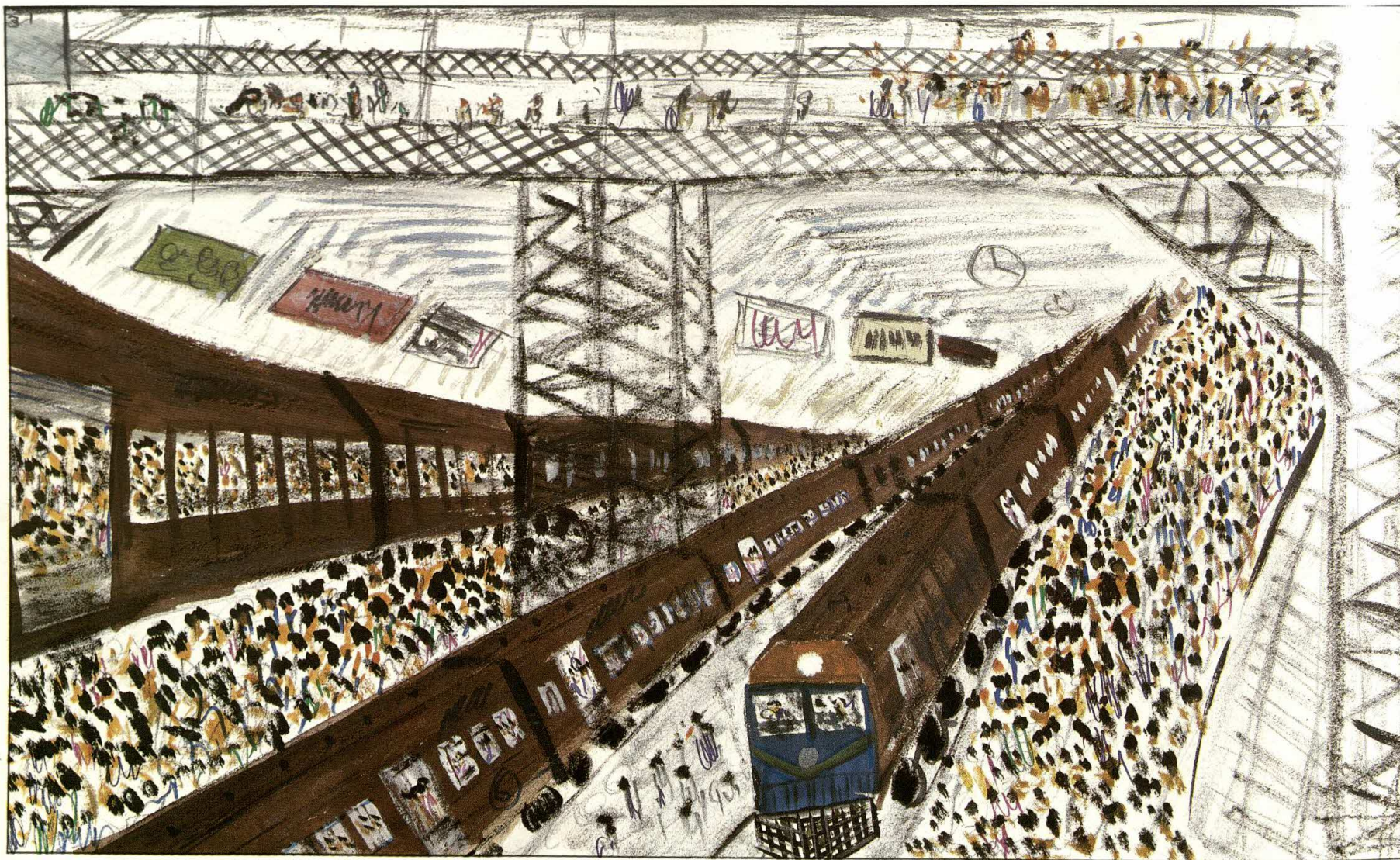
S. Sinha — 10 years

A helpless policeman in a helpless world



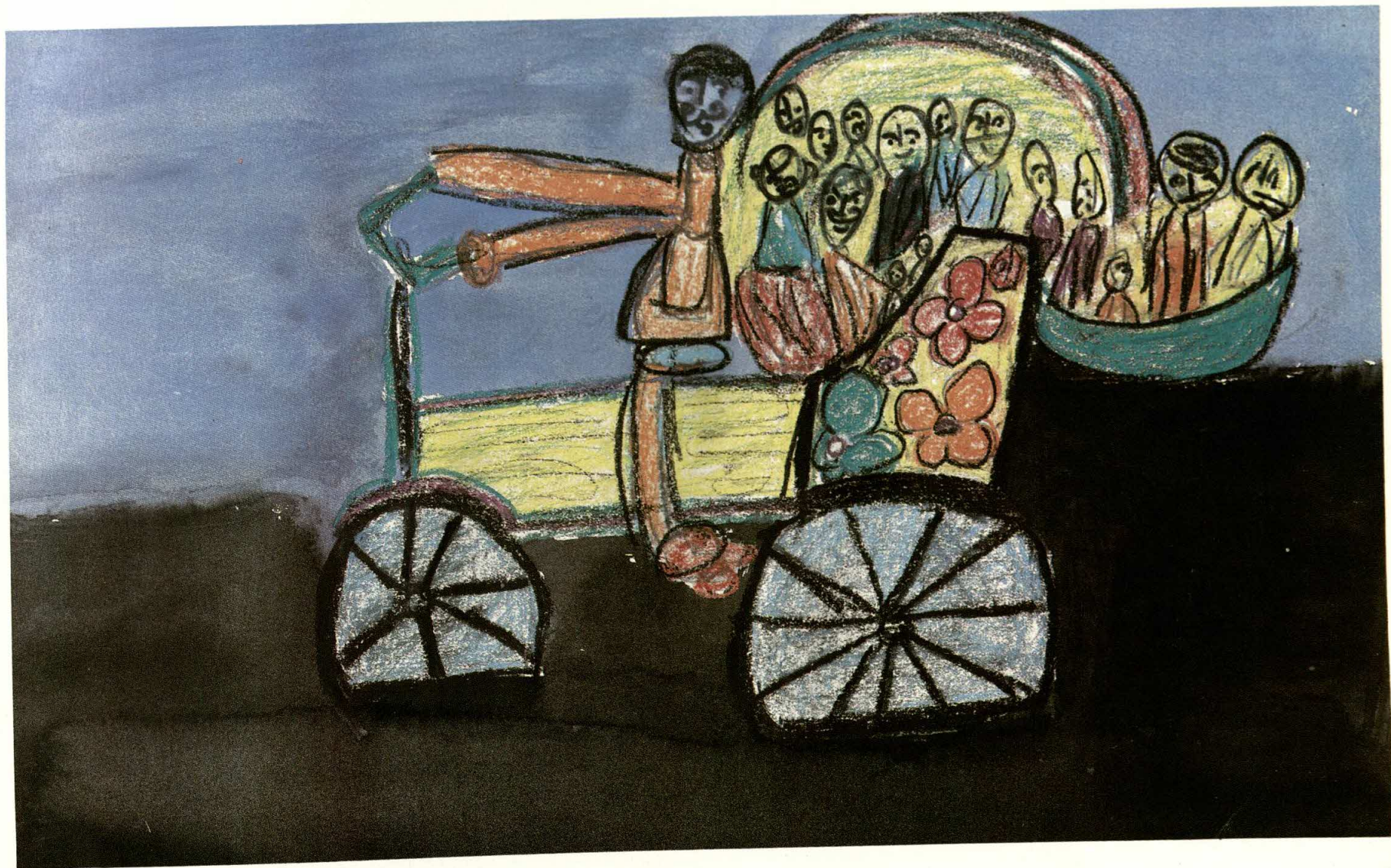
P. Sen — 13 years

You push, I push, they all push ...
no one gets anywhere — we've done this to ourselves



Ganesh — 14 years

How many will never find a train to take them home ?



H. Kumar — 14 years
No! There isn't place for any more

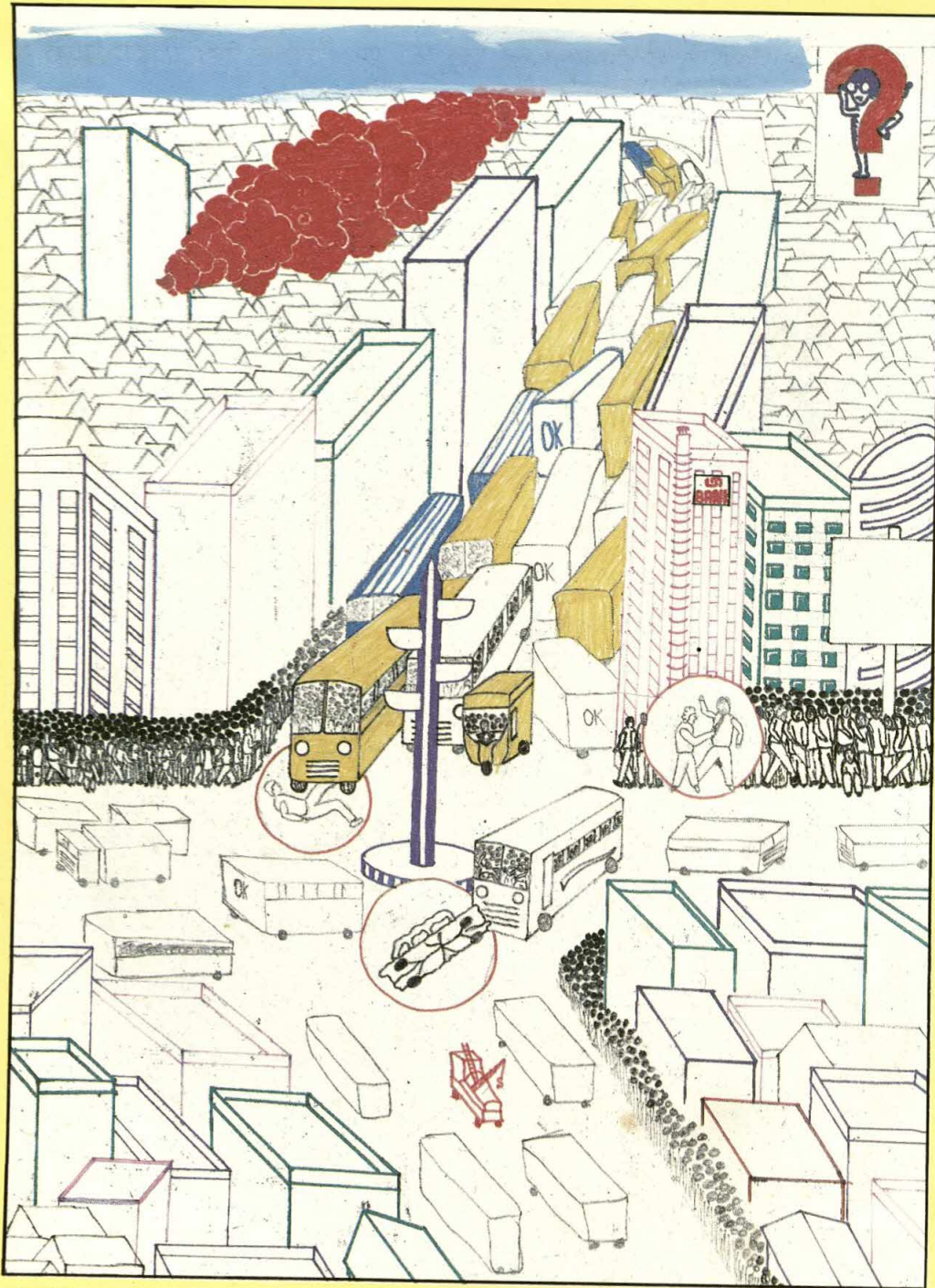


A.P. Singh
Prize winner

Does anyone here know why they are running — or for what?



S.S. Lal
Why should we suffer this way ?



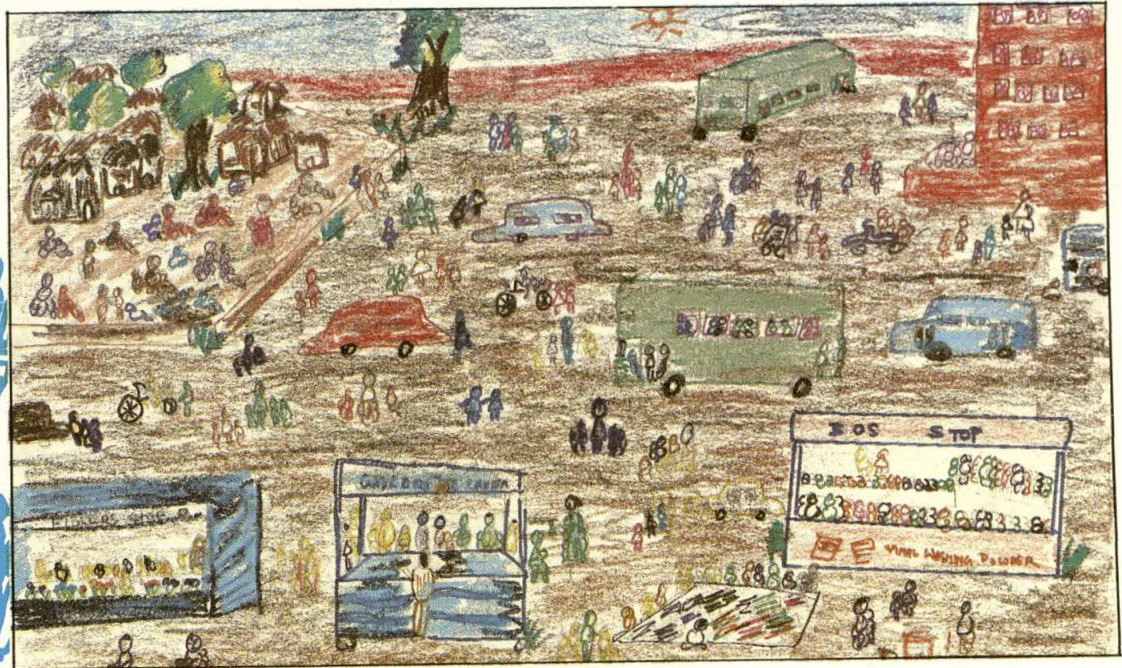
J. Akhter — 15 years

Don't you believe it's time to put an end to all this ?



Aruna — 14 years

A train of human bodies is all there's left to see



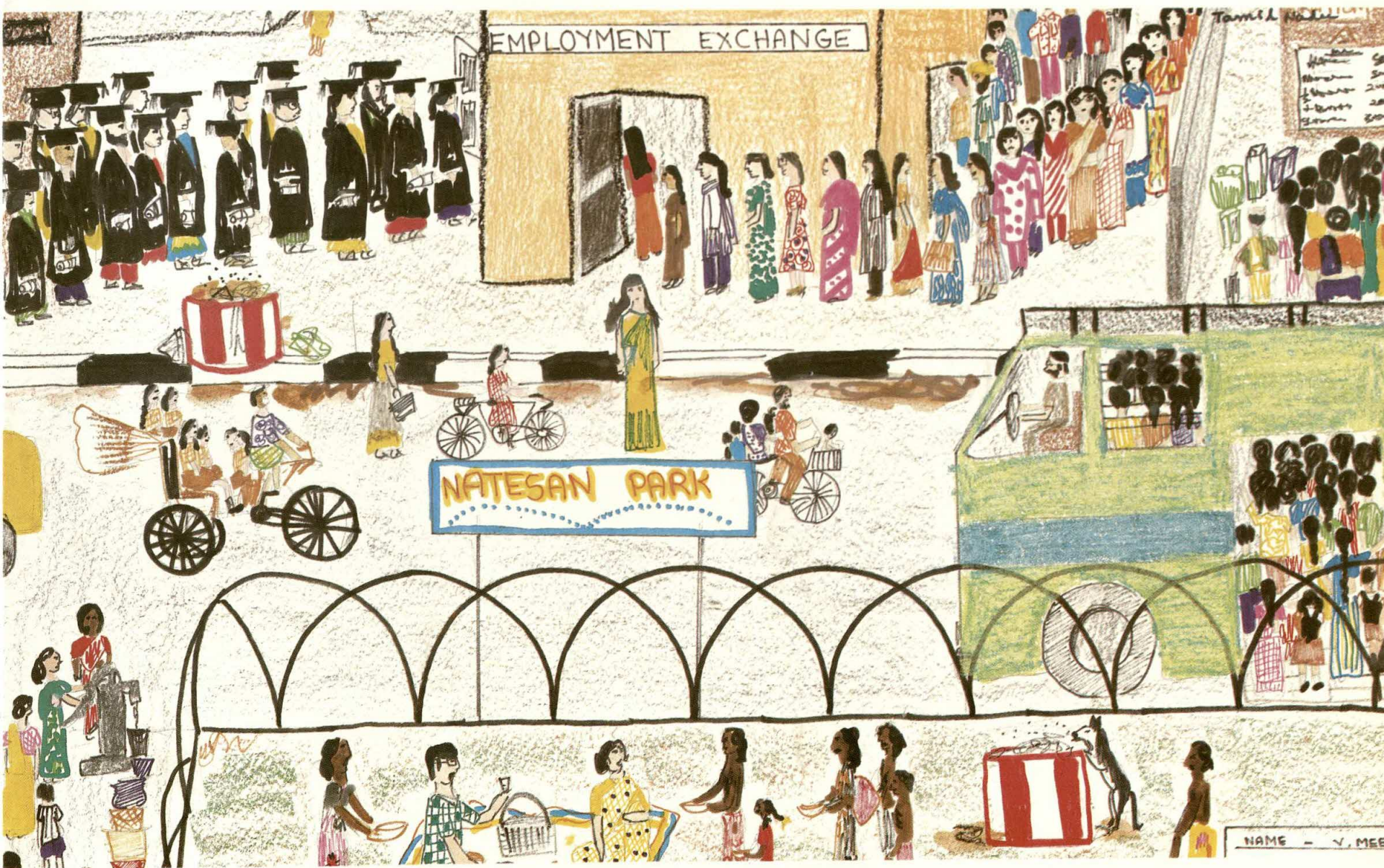
S. Verma — 10 years

This crowded world has no more for us

12 Basic needs — employment

“Despite an overall slow-down in India’s population growth, the rates are still high according to the 1981 census results.

This is undercutting economic progress, reducing incomes and diminishing the quality of life for many millions of people.”

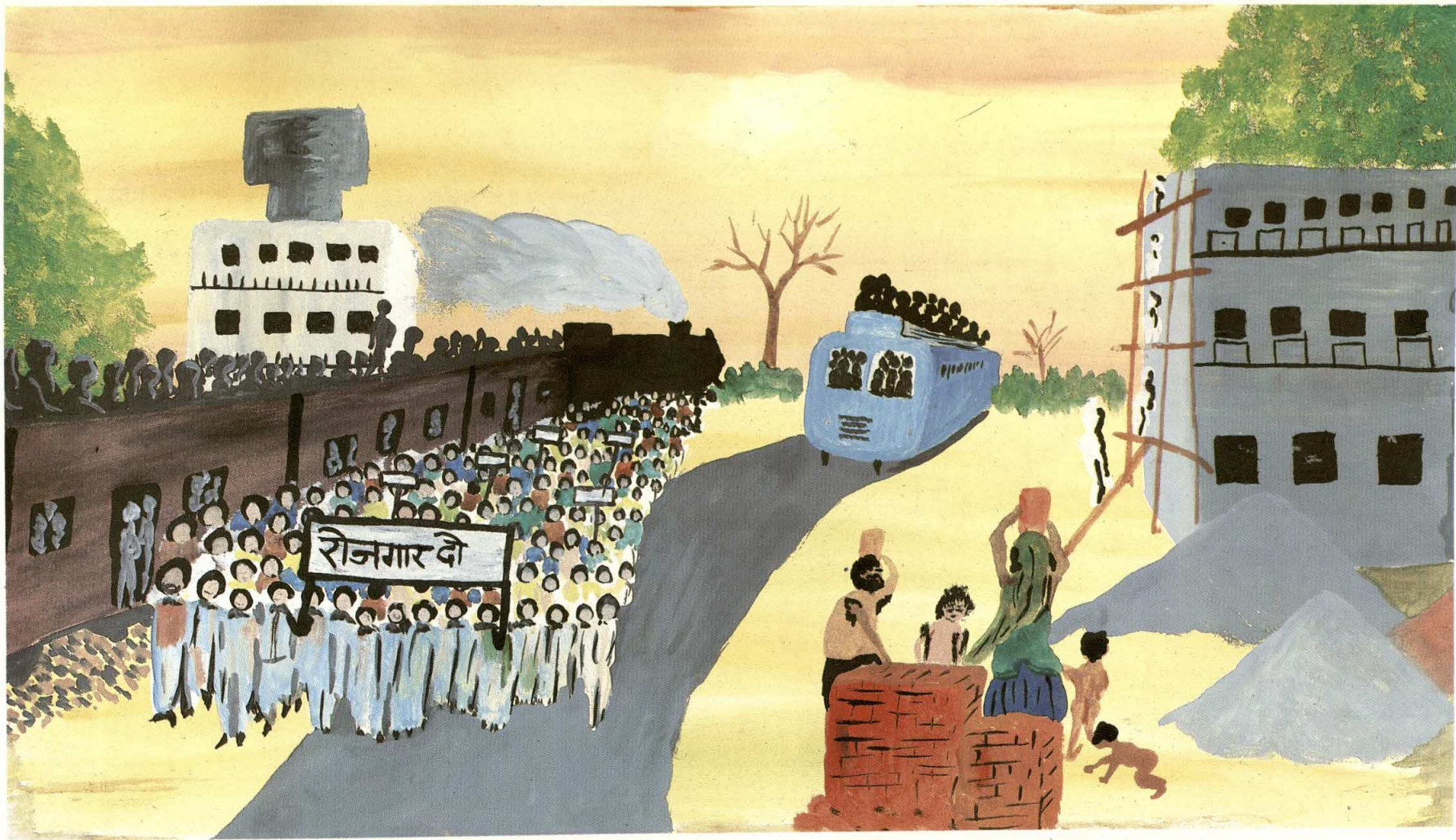


V. Meera — 13 years
What will be the value of my degree tomorrow ?

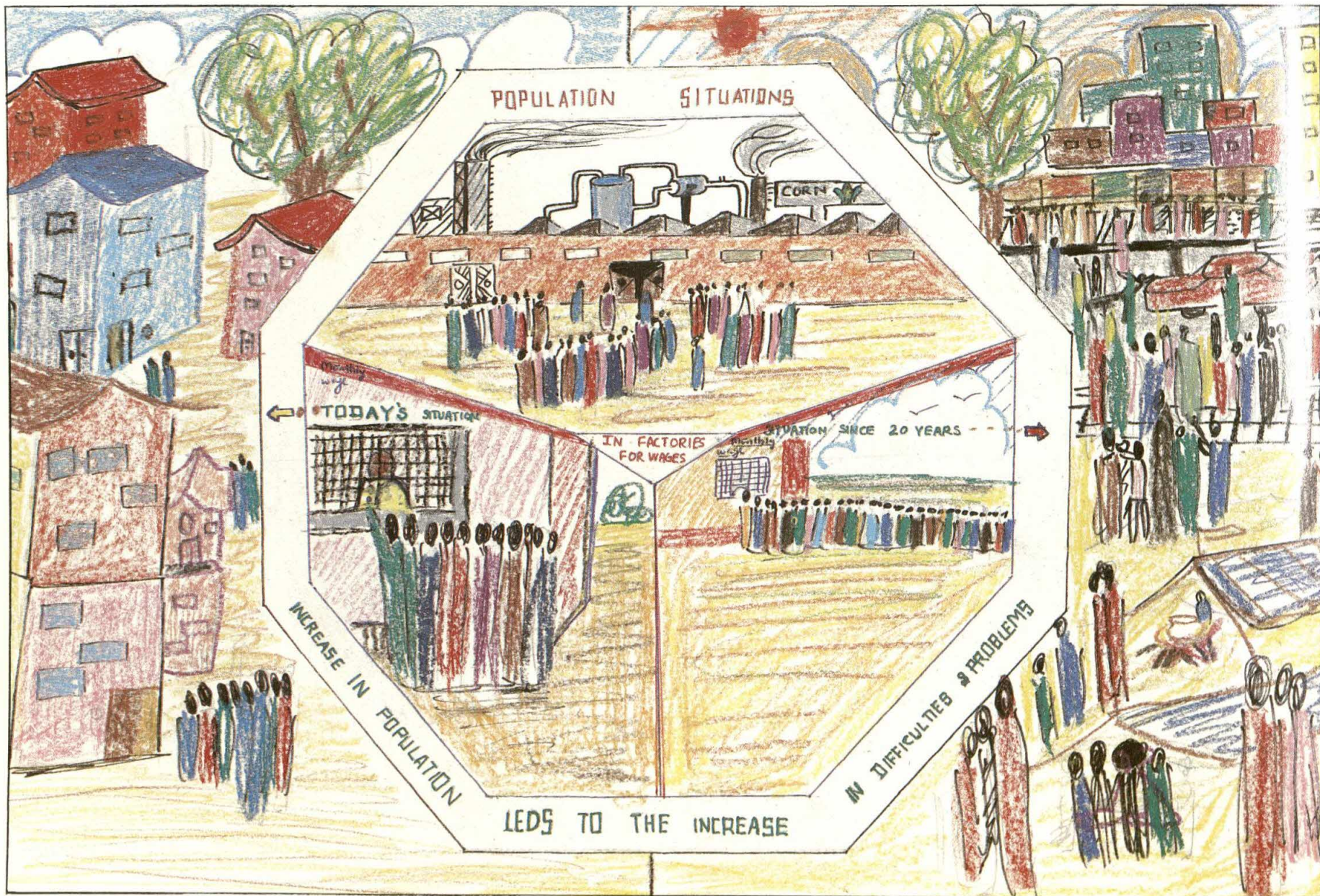


M.D. Dewang
Prize winner

A future of thousands without education
— without employment



R. Singh — 15 years
Survival ... only survival fills their mind and soul



H. Singh — 11 years
Everything we need ... will be in short supply



D. Prashant — 10 years
No entry, no wages ... the factory gate is shut

13 Big family vs. small family

"Governments must plan and work to bring about a global society that is secure and viable ...

This should be done without violating the dignity and freedom of the human person and by giving all people the knowledge and the means to bring forth only the children for whom they can provide the fullest opportunities for growth."



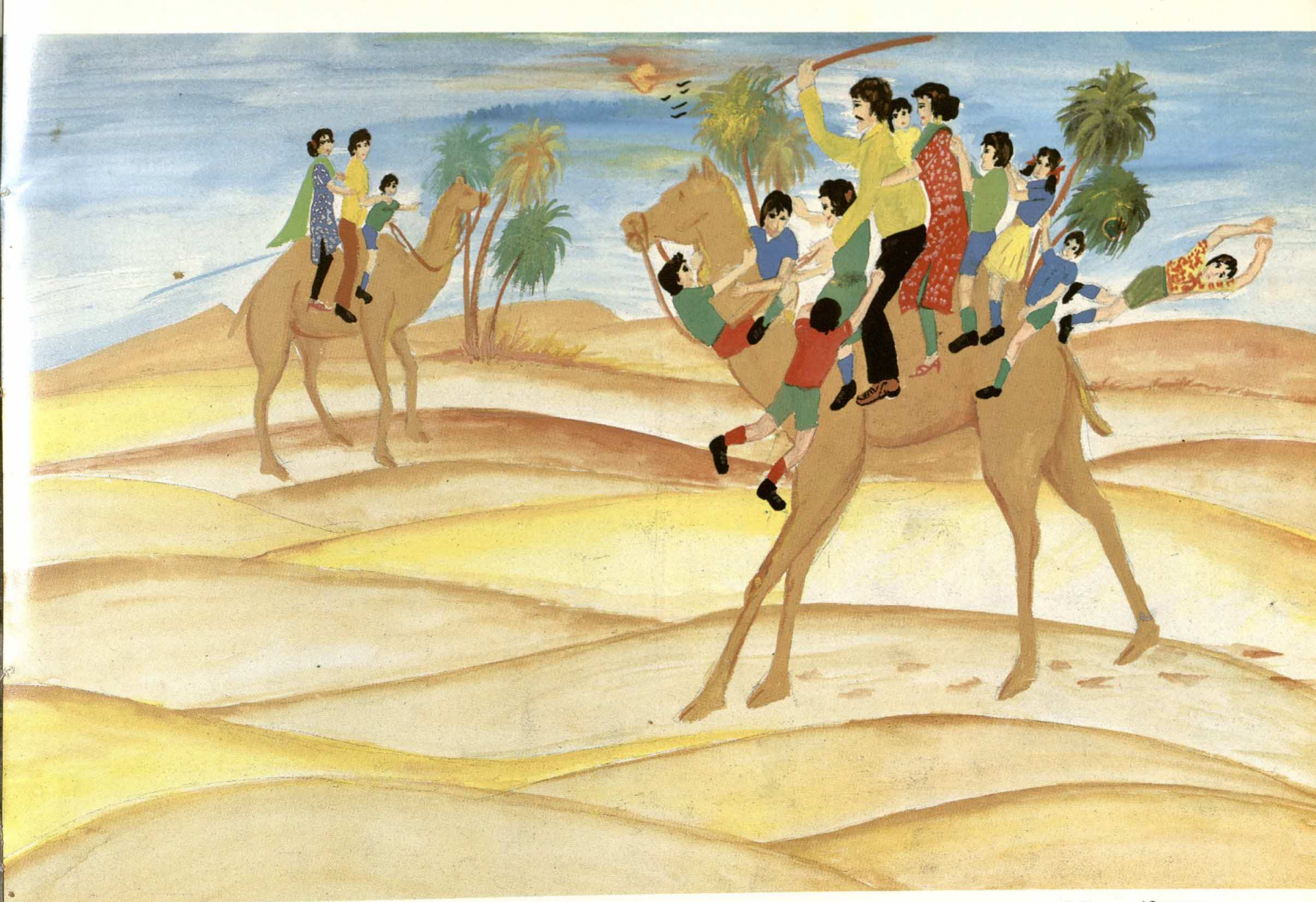


A. Carvalho — 12 years
Is this how — and where we're going ?



A. Bose — 13 years

No one's happy, everyone's hungry ...
There's despair in every heart

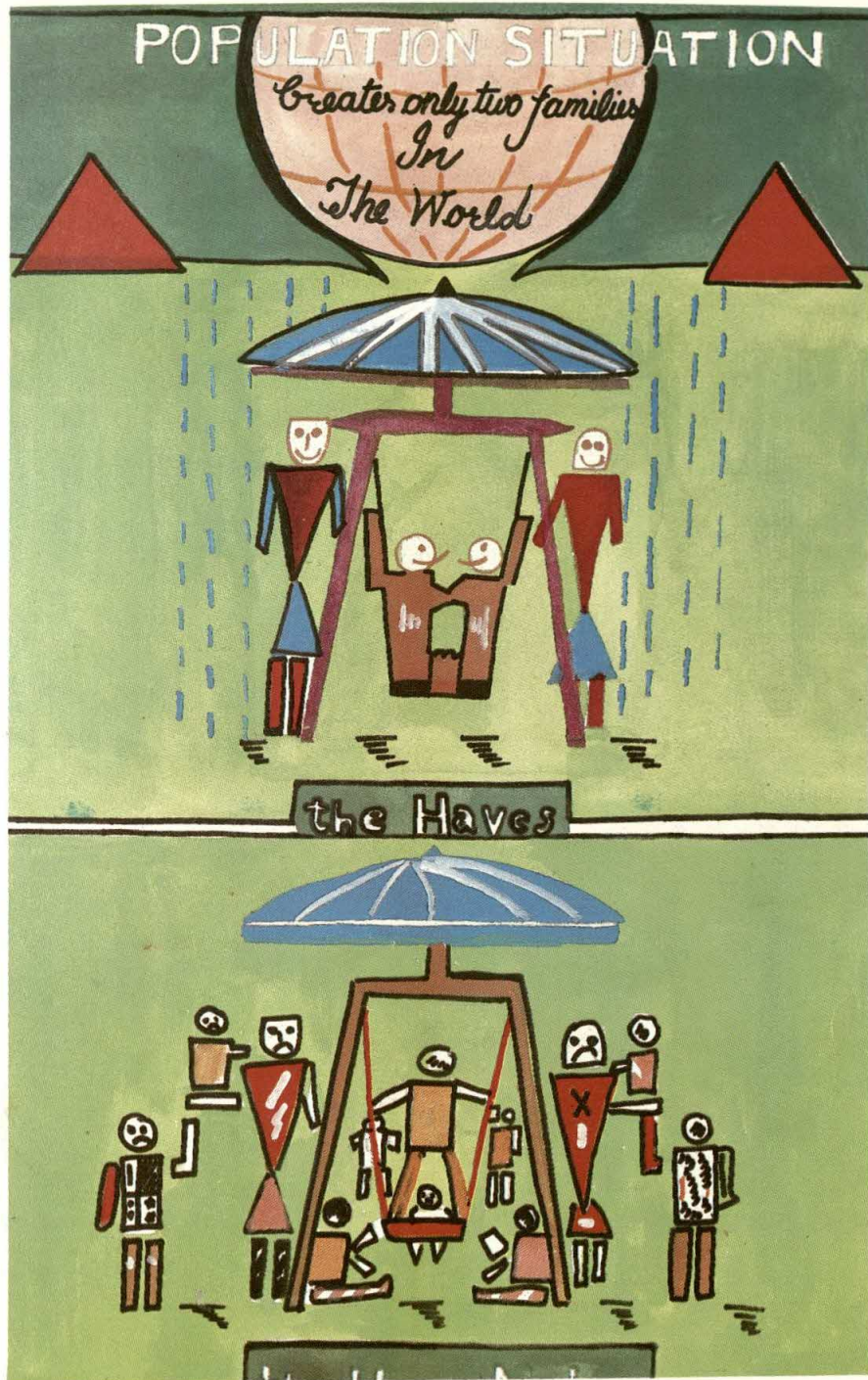


S. Roy — 12 years
This ride filled with sorrow ...
lies not far away

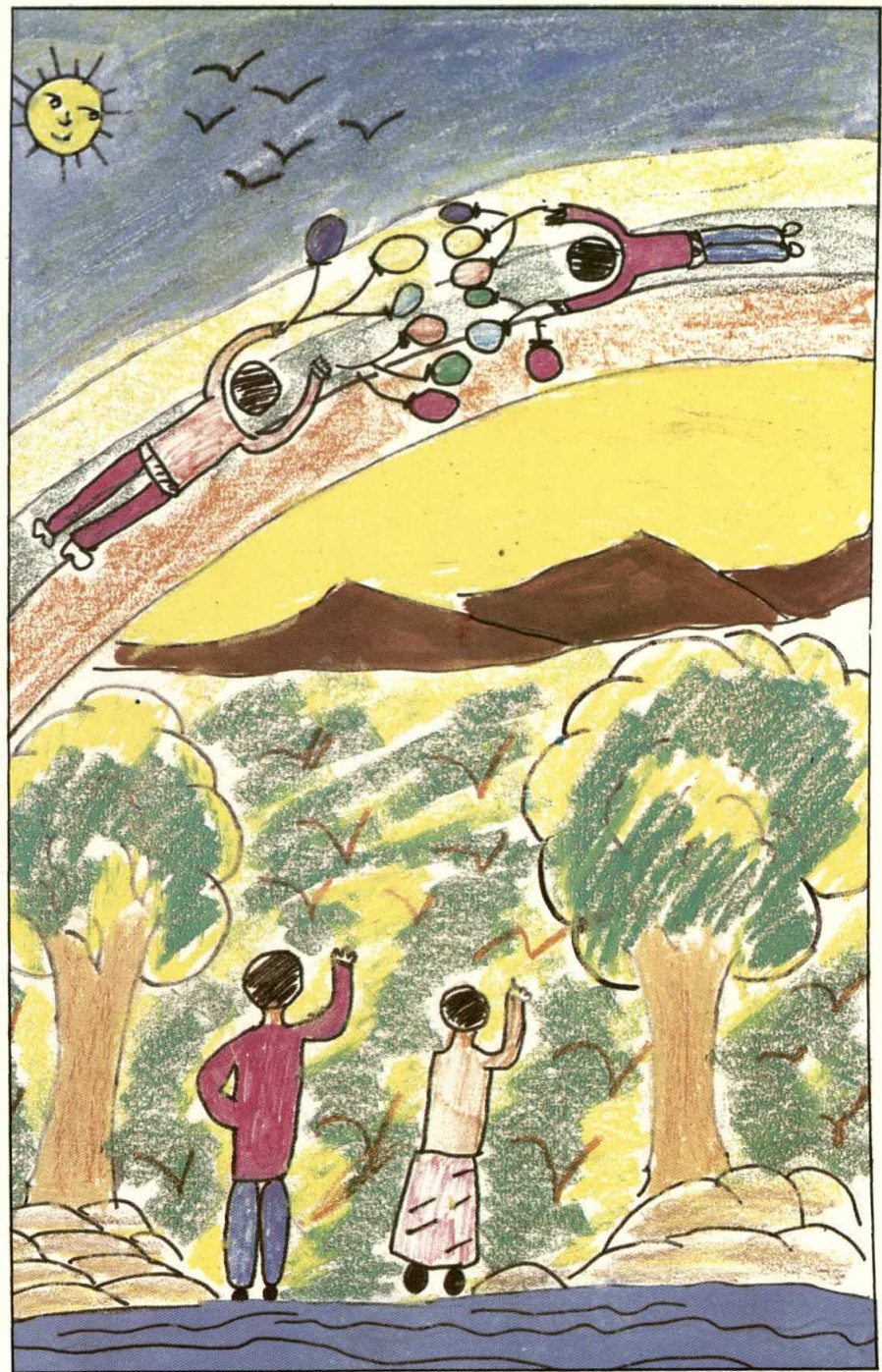


A. Chauhan — 7 years

"A small family blossoms with flowers
The big one is surrounded with thorns"



D. Sharma — 14 years
"The haves and have -nots"



D. Kumar
Give us a happy world — like this

20 साल बाद



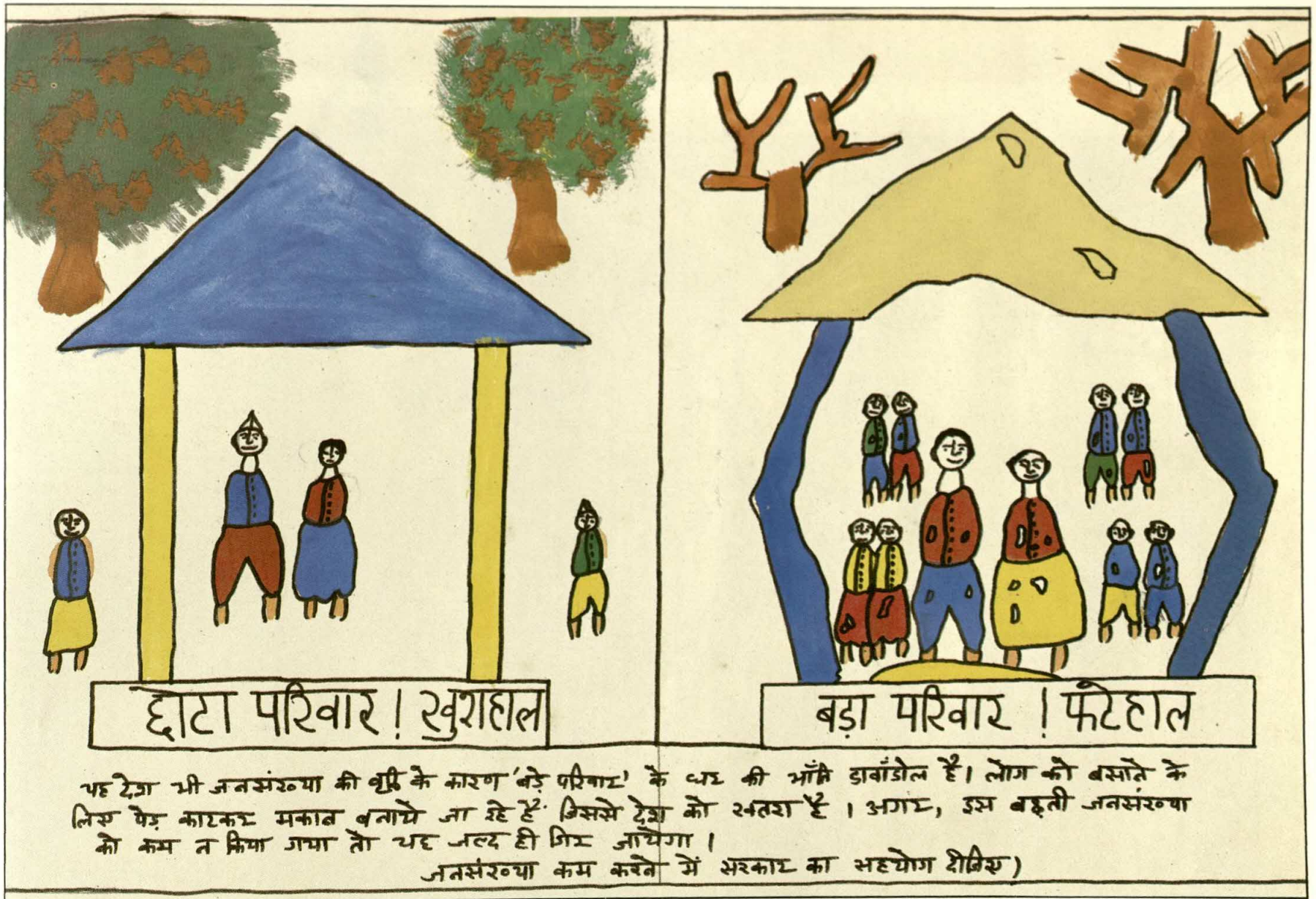
R.K. Soni

Look left — he's fighting

Look right — they're shouting

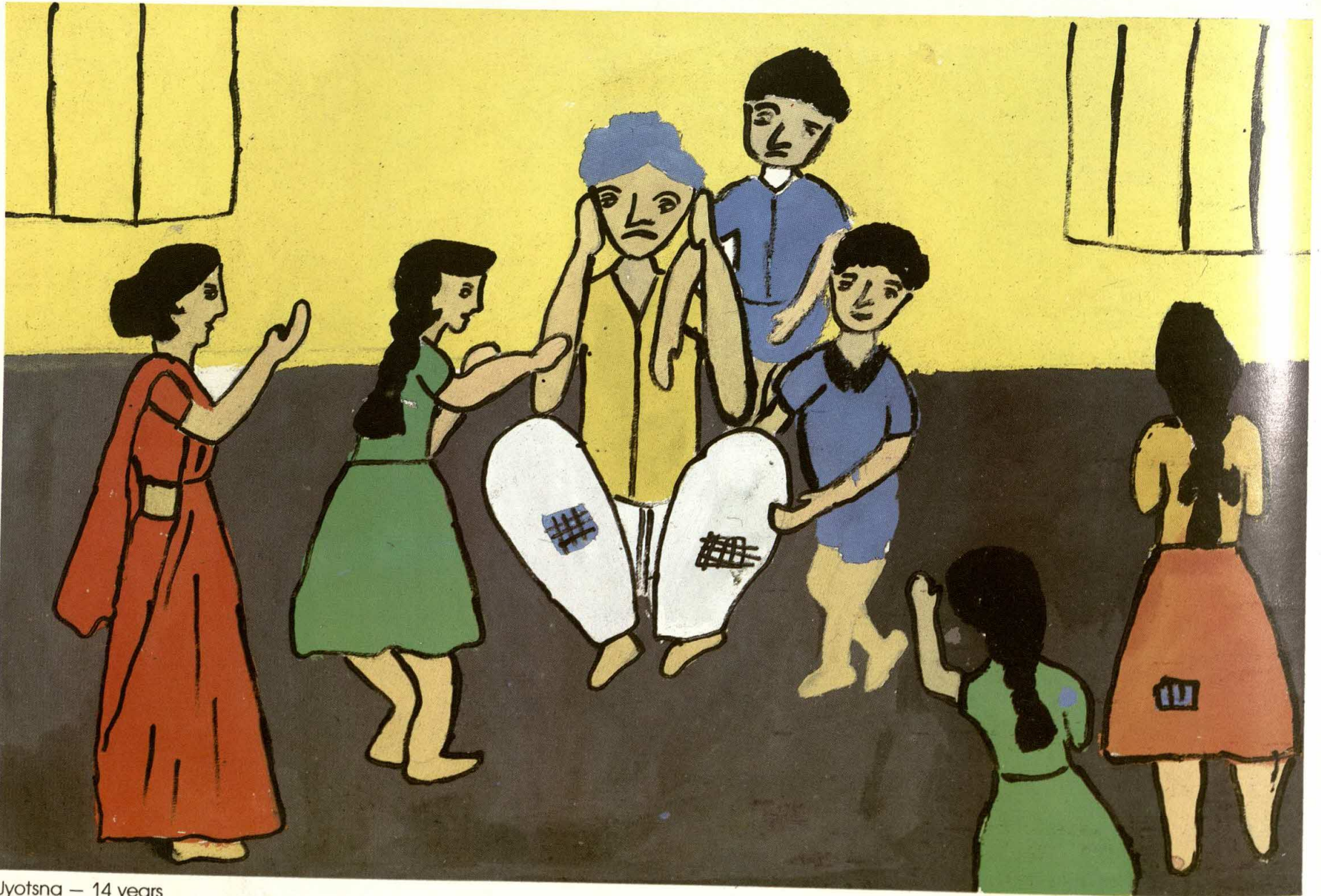
Look in front — she's crying

All I see is anguish everywhere



R. Kathuria — 14 years

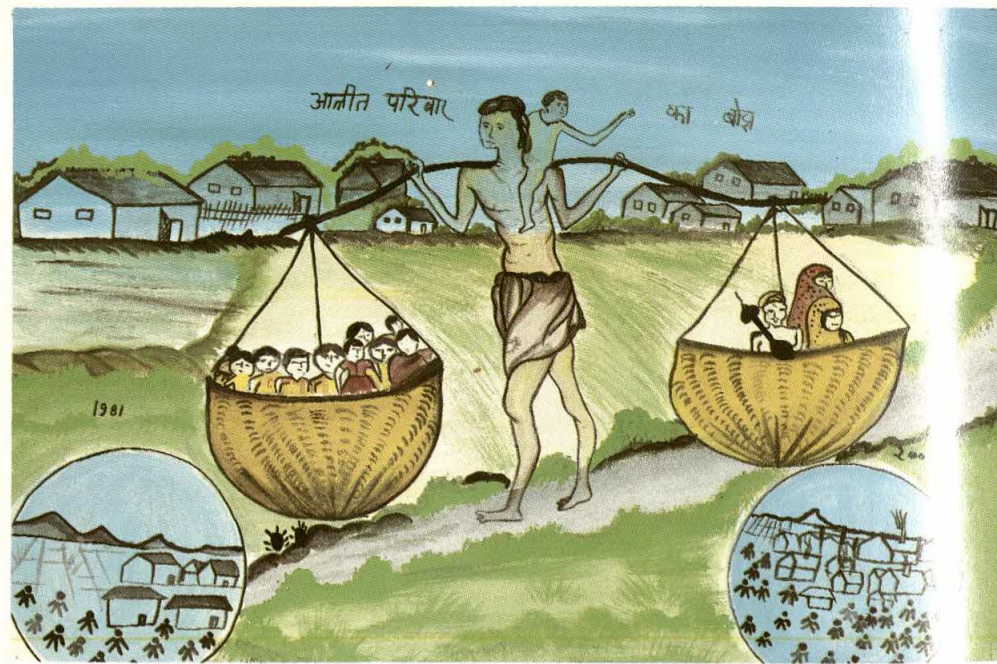
From peace and plenty to sorrow and scarcity



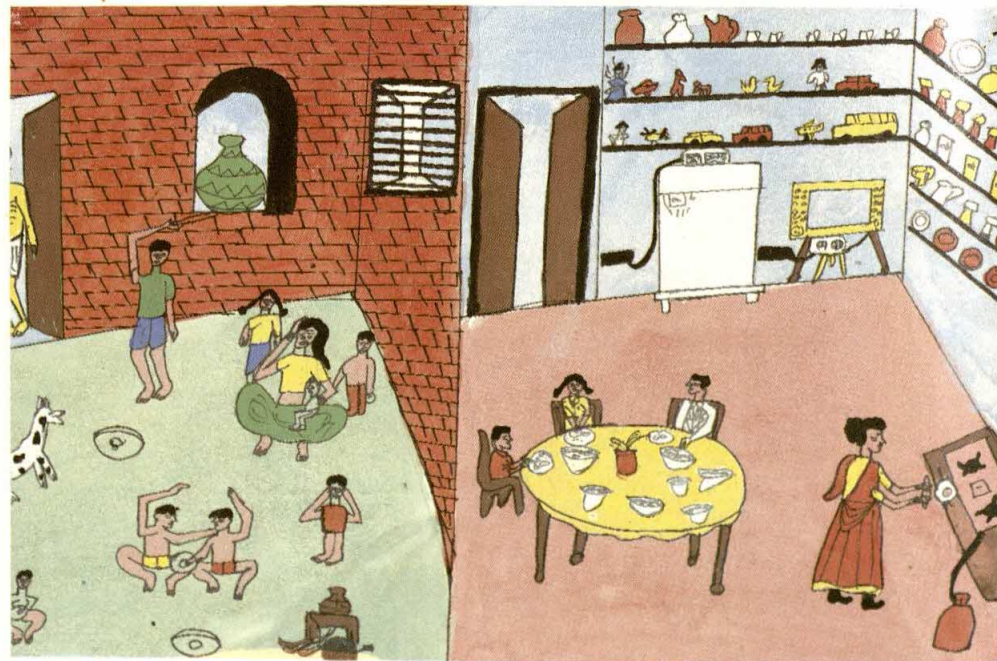
Jyotsna — 14 years
They have nothing left except hunger and want



D.K. Bhatti
Just two ... for so much joy



Anuradha — 15 years
The burdens that grow as families grow



S.K. Gulia — 11 years
Too many — have too little



S. Firdaus — 12 years
 Why can't you see the difference too?



M. Kumar — 12 years

The big one — is the unhappy and troubled one

छोटा परिवार सुखी परिवार.



बड़ा परिवार दुखी परिवार



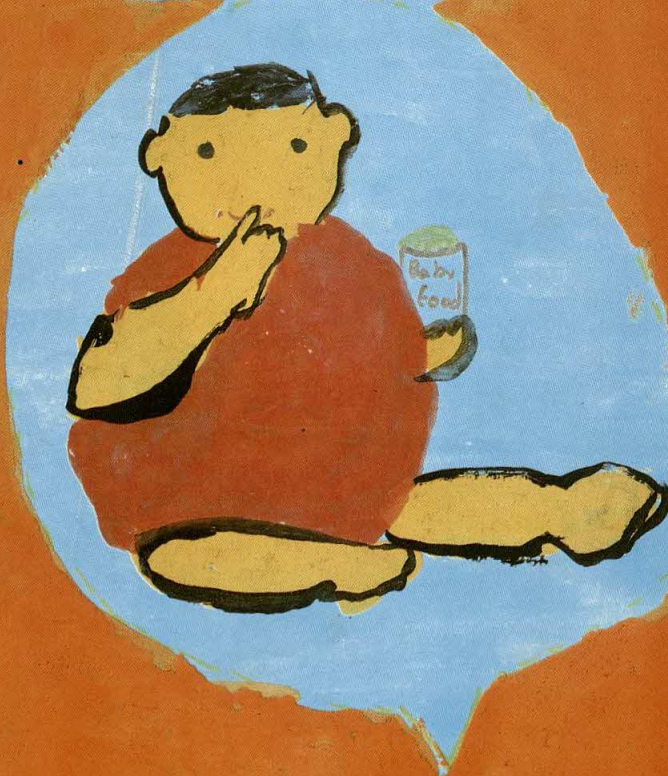
D. Gupta — 10 years
A cold, wet world awaits me ...



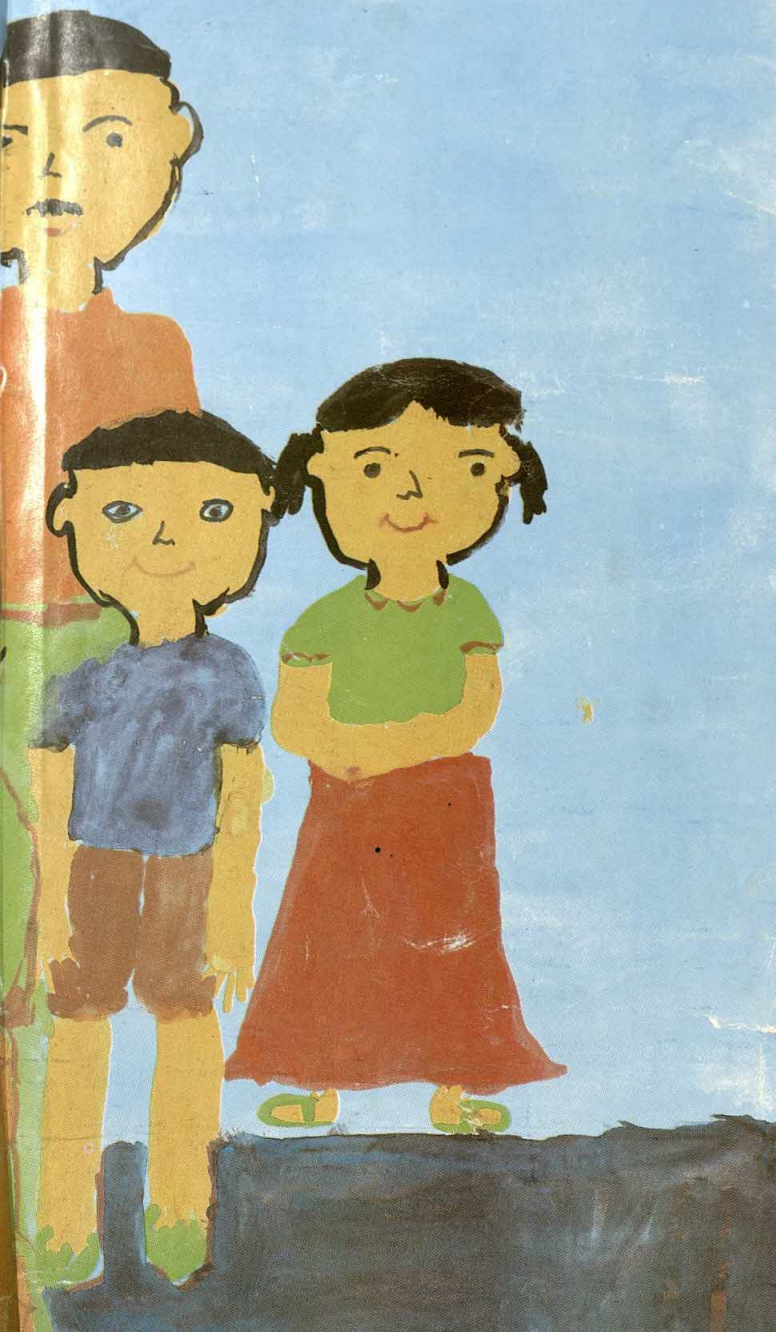
Scarcity of Resources



A Child's Dream



Happy Family " "



C. Kalpana — 12 years
Don't you think every child has
a right to his dream ?

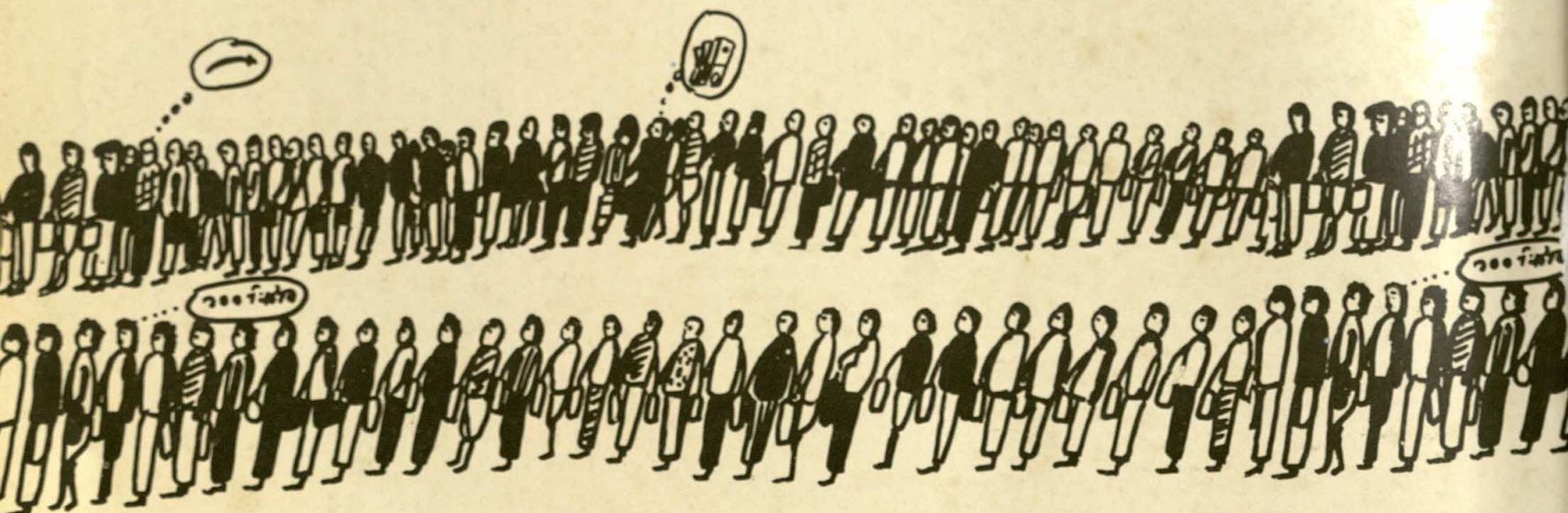
Afterword

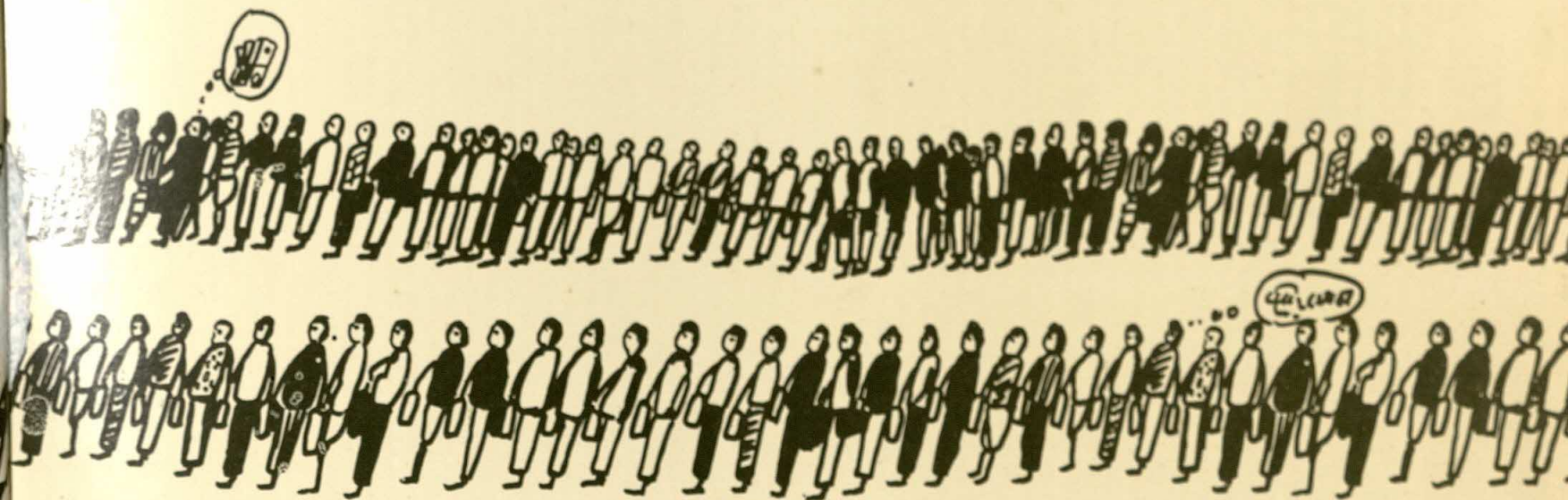
Children have so much to tell us but it is not often that we go beyond their words — to really hear what they mean.

These paintings, and the concepts they express, further validate this belief... that when anyone of us stops to listen to them, even a small effort yields such an overwhelming depth of meaning and human understanding. A response that wells up from the innocence and clarity of a child's mind.

Today, these children and their evocative paintings inspire us to make an even greater effort, and together accept the responsibility of finding newer, more acceptable solutions to the population dilemma — so that one day we can be closer to our hope of ensuring every newborn child the right to fulfil his dreams.

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